

Denouncing the October 2025 sham elections and Georgian Dream's authoritarian consolidation

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party, convening in Brussels, Belgium on 24-25 October:

Recalling:

- Previous resolutions “ALDE condemns the authoritarian and anti-European turn in Georgia” (2024), “Essential Fair Election Standards and Democratic Reforms in Georgia for EU Integration” (2024), and “Democracy Under Siege: A Call to Defend Georgia’s European Path” (2025);
- The European Parliament’s resolution of July 9th and PACE resolution of October 2nd, the latter warning that banning democratic parties would “effectively establish a one-party dictatorship”;
- ALDE’s full solidarity with Georgia’s pro-European democratic forces and member parties, maintaining their membership and support within ALDE, despite threats of legal bans.

Condemns:

- The imprisonment of over 150, including representatives from democratic parties including ALDE leaders Zura “Girchi” Japaridze, Giorgi Vashadze, Elene Khoshtaria (Droa), Vepkhvia Kasradze (Lelo), Vasil Kadzlashvili (Lelo), Natia Letodiani (Droa), Giga Lemonjava (Droa), Gela Khalsa (Girchi - More Freedom), and Paata Manjgaladze (Strategy Aghmashenebeli), the latter held incommunicado;
- The October 4th 2025 local elections, which were neither free nor fair, and were boycotted by most democratic parties, including three ALDE members, were held without international observers, whom the GD regime refused to invite;
- The Georgian Dream’s plans to constitutionally ban opposition parties, and barring citizens’ political participation;

Calls for:

- The immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, including journalist Mzia Amaghlobeli, and others detained for defending democracy;
- New, free and fair parliamentary elections, under a neutral administration, democratic electoral law, in a climate free of intimidation;
- The EU and partner states to impose a visa ban and targeted sanctions including “a coalition of the willing” EU-25 format, if necessary, against Georgian Dream officials at all levels;
- Support, with all means, independent media and civil society, including those forced to relocate abroad;
- Continued European support to fostering a resilient Georgian civil society;
- The EU and European states to counter Georgian Dream propaganda, and avoid official contact with its representatives;
- Freedom of movement for opposition politicians, ensuring they can travel freely abroad and return safely to Georgia.
- All EU Member States and likeminded international partners to use international instruments, inter alia,

Council of Europe's GRECO and Moneyval to follow up recent high-profile cases of corruption and money-laundering in Georgia.