

Supporting the Georgian People's Struggle for Democracy Against Authoritarian Capture and Russian Alignment

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Vienna, Austria, on 3-4 of July 2026:

Notes:

- that while the wider region is increasingly freeing itself from Russian influence, the Ivanishvili regime has turned its governance into Russia's last stronghold and satellite in Eastern Europe, deliberately severing ties with the democratic world and dismantling the country's democratic achievements;
- Deplores continued annexation of the sovereign territory of Georgia and attempts to incorporate occupied territories of Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia.
- and recognises the Georgian peoples' unwavering courage, resilience, and steadfast commitment to joining the European family. Georgia will become a member of the European Union.

Expresses deeply concern over:

- the deterioration of democracy and the dismantling of independent state institutions;
- recent politically motivated detentions targeting protesters, students, and medical professionals, including Dr. Giorgi Chakhunashvili;
- the unlawful imprisonment of several prominent political figures, including members of ALDE-affiliated parties, such as Elene Khoshtaria, whose rapidly deteriorating health requires immediate attention, and Paata Manjgaladze, General Secretary of Strategy Aghmashenebeli;
- the systematic targeting of all leaders of ALDE-affiliated parties in Georgia, who are either unjustly imprisoned or facing politically motivated criminal charges in coming months.

Calls on the EU leadership and European states to:

- adopt decisive measures and establish a crystal-clear and uncompromising policy towards the Ivanishvili regime;
- impose immediate targeted personal sanctions on individuals responsible for grave human rights violations, democratic backsliding, and the orchestration of political repression;
- enact robust financial sanctions against the regime's enablers and the networks that fund and sustain it;
- demand that the Georgian authorities immediately provide adequate, systemic, and results-oriented medical treatment for Elene Khoshtaria, and ensure the immediate release of all political prisoners;
- utilise all available diplomatic, political, and economic instruments to stand in active solidarity with the Georgian people in their struggle for freedom;
- maintain a clear distinction between the regime and the citizens of Georgia by opposing any blanket suspension of the visa-free regime and instead focusing on targeted sanctions against those responsible for repression.