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Levan Makhasvili

Chairperson of the Committee on European Integration of the Parliament of Georgia

Dear Mr. Makhasvili

The Danish Presidency starts on 1 July 2025. The Danish Parliament will throughout the presidency host a number of interparliamentary meetings in COSAC, the CFSP/CSDP conference and the SECG conference. At these conferences we intend to invite representative of national parliaments of the EU and EU candidate states.

We therefore deeply regret the Georgian government's decision to suspend EU accession negotiations and hope to see a positive change in Georgia's relations to the European Union in the near future.

We fully share the serious concerns expressed by the European Council in its conclusions of December 2024 that the course of action taken by the Georgian government runs counter to the values and principles upon which the European Union is founded.

Similar views are expressed by the European Parliament in its resolutions of 13 February and 2 April 2025 and by COSAC in its contributions from Budapest in October 2024 and Warsaw in June 2025.

Proper functioning of democracy, free elections and political pluralism are fundamental conditions for accession to the European Union. We are therefore strongly worried about the democratic backsliding of Georgia following last year's parliamentary elections.

We are aware that COSAC's rules of procedure provide EU candidate states with the right to be invited to the meetings of COSAC. However, we consider the Georgian government's decision to suspend EU accession negotiations a de facto halt of the European integration process of Georgia.

During the forthcoming Danish Presidency, we therefore intend to follow the line set by the current Polish Presidency not to invite representatives of Georgia's Parliament to meetings in COSAC as long as Georgia has de facto suspended its EU accession process.

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Finally, I have been informed by the Danish Parliament's Finance Committee and the Foreign Policy Committee that the same approach will be followed when it comes to the meetings of the interparliamentary conferences of the SECG and the CFSP/CSDP during the Danish Presidency.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Brigitte Klitskov Jerkel'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Brigitte' being the most prominent part.

Brigitte Klitskov Jerkel
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