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to the Commission
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Subject: Commission request for repeal of Georgian laws and visa regime

In its 7th report and in the letter to Georgia, the Commission calls on that country to repeal the law on ‘transparency of foreign influence’ as well as the legislative package on ‘family values and protection of minors’.

However, the government’s decision to adopt those laws, which reflect the will of the vast majority of the Georgian people, is sovereign, legitimate and democratic. The laws were designed to bolster democratic accountability, preserve national identity, further social cohesion and improve institutional transparency.

It is worth remembering that Georgia adopted anti-discrimination legislation back in 2014 protecting LGBTQI+ people against any form of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, and that the concepts of transparency and family values are governed in different ways in different Member States, in conformity with their national competences.

1. What exactly is the relevance of the link established by the Commission between the protection of LGBTQI+ people and arrangements for the short-stay visa-free regime?
2. In demanding that laws supported by the majority of the Georgian population be repealed, is the Commission not in danger of undermining the credibility of the EU in Georgian society?

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