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Answer given by Ms Kos
on behalf of the Commission
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The EU has reacted firmly to the recent political developments in Georgia, voicing concerns over the election irregularities, the violence against peaceful protesters, and the rushed adoption of the recent legislative amendments¹. The Commission has taken appropriate measures, including the suspension of direct financial support to the authorities, downgrading of political contacts and stepping up the support to strengthen Georgia's civil society and media landscape. On 27 June 2024, the European Council called on Georgia's authorities to clarify their intentions by reversing the current course of action which jeopardises Georgia's EU path, *de facto* leading to a halt of the accession process². On 17 October 2024³ and 19 December 2024⁴, the European Council reiterated its serious concern regarding the course of action taken by the Georgian government, which runs counter to the values and principles upon which the EU is founded, and *de facto* halts the accession process.

The election observation mission by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe/Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR) highlighted numerous shortcomings in the parliamentary elections held on 26 October 2024⁵. The EU has repeatedly called for OSCE/ODIHR to be invited to observe the next elections and for Georgia to address the previous OSCE/ODIHR recommendations. The EU will continue following closely the developments regarding the municipal elections on 4 October 2025, calling for a free, fair and competitive electoral process.

The EU continues to reiterate its call on the Georgian authorities to take credible steps to reverse democratic backsliding in order to return to the European path. The responsibility lies solely with the Georgian authorities.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/georgia/extracts-georgia-conclusions-european-council-2_en;
https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/georgia-joint-statement-high-representativevice-president-kallas-and-commissioner-marta-kos-latest_en.

² <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/qa3lblga/euco-conclusions-27062024-en.pdf>.

³ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/2pebccz2/20241017-euco-conclusions-en.pdf>.

⁴ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/jhlenhaj/euco-conclusions-19122024-en.pdf>.

⁵ https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/1/6/584029_0.pdf.