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Visa-free travel to the EU is a conditional benefit, contingent upon the fulfilment of specific criteria. One of the criteria is upholding and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms. Every year the Commission issues a report under the Visa Suspension Mechanism to monitor the EU's visa-free regimes with third countries, including Georgia. The progress on recommendations is monitored with reference to the previous year's report and points towards areas that still require improvement.

In the seventh Visa Suspension Mechanism Report adopted on 6 December 2024¹, the Commission called on Georgian authorities to, inter alia, ensure the protection of fundamental rights of all Georgian citizens. The Commission recommended to repeal legislation that restricts fundamental rights and freedoms, goes against the principle of non-discrimination and contradicts relevant European and international standards. This includes the Law on 'transparency of foreign influence' and the legislative package on 'family values and protection of minors.' In its upcoming eighth Visa Suspension Mechanism Report, the Commission will review to what extent these recommendations have been addressed by Georgian authorities and decide on the possible activation of the suspension mechanism.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52024DC0571&qid=1762252659031>.