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Answer given by Ms Kos
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is concerned by the serious democratic backsliding in Georgia. The EU has repeatedly condemned the deteriorating situation and urged Georgian authorities to respect, protect and uphold fundamental rights, refrain from using force, and ensure accountability for any violations. All arbitrarily detained persons should be released. In Georgia's 2025 enlargement report¹, the Commission noted that the actions taken by the Georgian authorities – including its policy of repression undermining basic democratic principles and shrinking civic space – fall short of the EU's expectations of an EU candidate country. Georgia's accession process has effectively come to a standstill.

In response, the Commission has scaled down engagement with the Georgian authorities, halted financial assistance directly benefiting them, and paused meetings of Association Agreement bodies. In light of Georgia's deliberate and persisting violations of key commitments on democracy and fundamental rights under its visa-free regime, the Commission has also temporarily suspended visa-free travel across the EU for Georgian holders of diplomatic, service and official passports², as of 6 March 2026 and for an initial period of 12 months. The EU remains committed to supporting the Georgian people's European aspirations and all efforts towards a democratic, stable, and European future for Georgia.

¹ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/georgia-report-2025_en.

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_26_564.