



Plenary sitting

B10-0447/2026

6.10.2026

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 150 of the Rules of Procedure

on attempts by the ruling party Georgian Dream to ban opposition parties in Georgia
(2026/2913(RSP))

Tomasz Froelich, Alexander Sell, Petr Bystron
on behalf of the ESN Group

**European Parliament resolution on attempts by the ruling party Georgian Dream to ban opposition parties in Georgia
(2026/2913(RSP))**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 150 (5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Georgia’s ruling Georgian Dream party has filed proceedings before the Constitutional Court seeking to ban several major opposition parties, accusing them of “repeatedly undermining the legitimacy of the government and acting against the state’s constitutional order”;
- B. whereas the lawsuit takes place against the backdrop of a broader political crisis since 2024, marked by street protests, contested elections and mutual accusations of attempts to over-throw the constitutional order;
- C. whereas the 2025 Chandler Good Government index ranks Georgia 26th in the world in the assessment of its judicial system, government transparency, and the rule of law, also
- D. outranking 14 EU Member States; whereas judicial system quality is also measured in terms of independence of judiciary;
- E. whereas justifications and procedures for political party bans vary among EU Member States because of different constitutional traditions, historical developments and the unique social and political conditions of each Member State;
- F. whereas in July 2026 the European Parliament backed the process to deregister and defund the European Europe of Sovereign Nations (ESN) political party for an alleged breach of EU values, following a request from the Authority for European Political Parties and European Political Foundations (APPF);
- 1. Takes note of the constitutional lawsuit of Georgian Dream against United National Movement, Ahal/Coalition for Change, Lelo/Strong Georgia, Federalists and Gakharia for Georgia;
- 2. Notes the continuing dispute over the electoral process; encourages all political actors to pursue their objectives through peaceful democratic means;
- 3. Rejects attempts to seize power through violent means, irrespective of their political origin; reaffirms the rights to peaceful assembly, political opposition and lawful electoral challenge; stresses that peaceful protest, election boycotts or criticism of the government do not, in themselves, justify the prohibition of a political party;
- 4. Reaffirms that political pluralism is essential to democracy and that the prohibition of a political party must remain an exceptional measure of last resort, based on compelling evidence and subject to strict requirements of legality, necessity and proportionality;

5. Considers that only an independent impartial judiciary should hold the power to ban a political party, as an impartial judicial process prevents political parties from unilaterally undermining or destroying their political adversaries; calls on all political parties and external actors to refrain from interfering in the procedure before the Constitutional Court;
6. Considers that the procedure against the political ESN party and the lack of comparable concerns regarding the treatment of migration-critical opposition parties in Germany and other Member States exemplify a clear double standard, undermining the credibility of the EU institutions when defending democratic pluralism in third countries;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the European External Action Service, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, and the President, government and parliament of Georgia.