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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))

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**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 its previous resolutions on Georgia,
- having regard to Rules 150(5) and 136(4) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas political pluralism and free political competition are indispensable elements of democracy and core requirements of the Copenhagen criteria;
- B. whereas in September 2026, 88 members of the Georgian Dream-controlled Parliament lodged constitutional claim No 1979 seeking the prohibition of five opposition parties, encompassing all major opposition forces: the United National Movement, Coalition for Change, Strong Georgia – Lelo, the Federalists and ‘For Georgia’, the only opposition party currently exercising its parliamentary mandates, eliminating legitimate political opposition;
- C. whereas new judges were appointed to the Constitutional Court on 23 September 2026, raising serious doubts about its independence in the proceedings; whereas opposition figures are also being prosecuted in so-called 'sabotage' cases;
- D. whereas legislation adopted in October 2025 and March 2026 extends party-ban to associated parties and individuals; whereas new provisions criminalise broadly framed “extremism against Georgia's constitutional order” and impose an eight-year party-membership ban on persons linked to foreign-interest organisations;
- E. whereas the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, along with other political foundations, was forced to close its Tbilisi office on 30 September 2026 after the authorities rejected its project funding applications under the Law on Grants;
- F. whereas the Venice Commission opinions of 15 July and 26 August 2026 found these restrictions incompatible with international standards;
- G. whereas the elimination of political pluralism follows the model of Russia and Belarus and serves the Kremlin’s objective of keeping Georgia outside the European and Euro-Atlantic space;
- 1. Strongly condemns the attempt to outlaw Georgia’s opposition parties and demands the immediate withdrawal of constitutional claim No 1979; stresses that a functioning political opposition is an indispensable pillar of democracy and that eliminating legitimate political opposition through judicial means is incompatible with democracy;

2. Calls for the repeal of provisions enabling disproportionate restrictions on parties and individuals associated with prohibited parties; condemns the misuse of legislation and state institutions to silence political opponents; deplores the forced closure of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation's office and calls to end the obstruction of European political foundations;
3. Fully supports the Venice Commission's opinions of 15 July and 26 August 2026 and considers the attempt to ban political parties as incompatible with international Law; calls on the Georgian authorities to swiftly implement their recommendations;
4. Regrets the persistent lack of action by the EU and most Member States to ensure tangible consequences to the continuously deteriorating situation in Georgia; reiterates its call for targeted sanctions on those responsible for democratic backsliding and political persecution, first and foremost Bidzina Ivanishvili, Irakli Kobakhidze, Shalva Papuashvili and Kakha Kaladze;
5. Reiterates its unwavering support for the European aspirations of the Georgian people; recalls its repeated warnings that any attempt to ban established political parties alienates Georgia from the EU and make any move towards EU accession impossible;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the VP/HR, Member States, and self-appointed authorities of Georgia.