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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 Georgia's EU candidate country status,
 - having regard to Rule 150(5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Georgia holds the status of an EU candidate country, but its accession process remains effectively suspended due to serious democratic backsliding under Georgian Dream rule and its alignment with Russia;
- B. whereas Georgia's state institutions have been captured by the pro-Russian oligarch Bidzina Ivanishvili, whose influence extends across the country's state institutions;
- C. whereas the Georgian Dream government has introduced legislation enabling the Constitutional Court to ban parties and their alleged "successors" and to bar "associated" persons indefinitely from political life;
- D. whereas in October 2025 Georgian Dream asked the constitutional court to outlaw the United National Movement of jailed ex-president Mikheil Saakashvili, the Coalition for Change, and Strong Georgia-Lelo, later adding the Federalists and Gakharia-For Georgia, thereby targeting all opposition forces elected in 2024;
- E. whereas in June 2026 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe warned that this course would effectively establish a one-party dictatorship;
- F. whereas opposition leaders face "sabotage" and related charges carrying up to 15 years' imprisonment, while three of them are already imprisoned; whereas civil society identifies 91 political prisoners in Georgia;
- G. whereas Georgia is increasingly used for sanctions circumvention and as a hub for Russian and Iranian illicit capital;
- H. whereas silencing the pro-Western opposition serves Russia, which occupies 20% of Georgia's territory; whereas these developments oppose the clearly expressed will of the Georgian people to pursue a transatlantic and European path.

1. Strongly condemns Georgian Dream's attempts to ban the democratic opposition, which would consolidate authoritarian one-party rule and contradict the European and Euro-Atlantic integration objective enshrined in Article 78 of Georgia's Constitution;

2. Reaffirms its support for the Georgian people's clearly expressed European aspirations, which necessitates restoring political pluralism and fundamental freedoms;
3. Calls on the Georgian authorities to immediately withdraw the lawsuit and repeal the 2025 party-ban legislation; urges the Constitutional Court to reject it;
4. Considers the lawsuit a politically motivated attempt to eliminate all democratic alternatives to Georgian Dream; underlines that peaceful protest and contesting the 2024 elections are legitimate democratic activities, not grounds for prohibition;
5. Calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, including Mikheil Saakashvili, Giorgi Baramidze, Nika Melia, Elene Khoshtaria, Mzia Amaglobeli, and of all those detained for peaceful protest, and for dropping politically motivated "sabotage" charges;
6. Calls on the Council and the Member States to impose targeted sanctions, including asset freezes and travel bans, on Bidzina Ivanishvili and the officials, judges, prosecutors, and financial enablers responsible for political persecution;
7. Calls on the EU Delegation in Tbilisi to monitor the party-ban proceedings and political trials, and on the EU to respond firmly to smear campaigns targeting its Head of Delegation;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the HR/VP, and the authorities of Georgia.