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Greens/EFA calls for urgent EU action following manipulated election in Georgia

Today, the European Parliament will adopt the resolution on Georgia's worsening democratic crisis following the parliamentary elections on 26 October and alleged electoral fraud. The Greens/EFA Group, together with the other progressive groups, calls on the international community not to recognise the reported results and calls for a re-run of the parliamentary elections as well as the repeal of repressive legislation including the recently adopted "foreign influence" and anti-LGBTQ+ laws.

Greens/EFA **MEP Markéta Gregorová** (Pirate Party), Vice-Chair of the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly and the group's shadow rapporteur on the resolution, comments:

"f Georgia is to remain a free and sovereign nation with democratic future, it must restore trust in its elections and, consequently, democratic institutions. That's why, on behalf of the European Parliament, we do not consider the Georgian Parliamentary elections legitimate, and we urge Georgian authorities to engage in dialogue with the President and the opposition to seek necessary solutions.

"The democratic backsliding in EU candidate country Georgia cannot be ignored, and the European Union must stand firm in its commitment to defend human rights and freedoms. To that end, the European Parliament supports the use of the halted financial aid of €120 million to support civil society and independent media while also calling for targeted sanctions against individuals responsible for election manipulation."

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