

COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

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For the attention of Presidential Troika of COSAC:

To Mr Ioannis TRAGAKIS
Chairman of the Committee for European Affairs
First Deputy Speaker
Hellenic Parliament

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

Let me express my gratitude for your support to Georgia in the European integration processes aimed at our country's European approximation.

We have witnessed remarkable developments in the EU-Georgia relations over the last few years. The initialing of the Association Agreement between the European Union and Georgia at the Eastern Partnership Vilnius Summit has upgraded our partnership, opened up new opportunities for the legislative and executive bodies and generated new expectations among our people.

As reaffirmed in the EU-Georgia Association Agreement, to be signed in 27 June 2014, our government is committed to the rule of law, good governance, institution building, the promotion of sustainable development, and effective multilateralism. This commitment constitutes a key factor in the development of our relations and guides our activities in the joint parliamentary platforms among others. As you are well aware, elected members of the Parliament of Georgia and the European Parliament work together in the joint Parliamentary Cooperation Committee and the EURONEST Parliamentary Assembly. The Parliament of Georgia actively contributes to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe (PACE), NATO Parliamentary Assembly, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and develops the mechanisms of bilateral parliamentary cooperation with the national parliaments of the European Union.

As Georgia prepares to sign the Association Agreement with the EU, I believe we are ready for opening new parliamentary cooperation mechanisms. The important joint commitments that have been made, the implementation of action plans and establishment of new agencies require the creation of wide forums for parliamentary discussion and

consultation. Intensification of experience exchange with the European Integration Committees of the Member States will be critical after the signature of Association Agreement and highly contribute to its implementation.

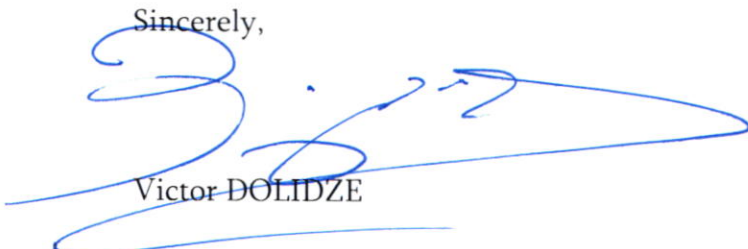
Therefore, we believe now is the exact moment to consider the involvement of Parliament of Georgia in the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs –COSAC.

Georgia is among the most dedicated and consistent Eastern Partnership countries in pursuing its goal of political approximation and economic integration with the European Union. We are committed to building deep, institutional democracy by consolidating domestic reforms and pursue policies based on the values and principles we share with Europe.

Providing the opportunity for the Parliament of Georgia to be invited in COSAC reunions as an observer would be an important sign of support at this critical moment.

I am kindly asking you to consider this proposal and hope for your support and understanding. Let us build on our achievements, to the benefit of our citizens and to Europe at large.

Sincerely,



Victor DOLIDZE

Chairman
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