Urgent resolution on Georgia: the need for comprehensive reforms and compliance with EU policies

Acknowledges the:

- historical choice of Georgian people to join the EU;
- granting the EU candidate status is a merit-based process and Georgian government has to fulfil the 12 priorities set by EU Commission and to comply with EU’s common foreign and security policy (CFSP) decisions.

Regrets that:

- Georgia’s alignment rate with EU’s CFSP decisions and declarations has gone from a low 44% last year to only 31% so far this year;
- out of 12 recommendations set by EU Commission only three have been fulfilled;
- the National Bank of Georgia violated international financial sanctions, changed its rule of complying with international sanctions to avoid freezing the assets of ex-prosecutor general sanctioned by US for his close connections with Russian FSB and for influencing Georgian society and politics for the benefit of Russia;
- the facts of physical violence against opposition leaders and their supporters have been intensified;
- Parliament of Georgia adopted a new restrictive amendment in a law on assemblies and manifestations limiting the freedom of expression and assembly;
- Georgian Government declines the possibility of humanitarian transfer of former president Saakashvili to third countries, though his health condition has not been improved;
- the recommendations of Venice Commission about comprehensive judicial reform have been neglected;
- Georgia’s State Security Service and leading members of GD have accused USAID, Ukrainian government and international donor organisations of ‘inspiring riots’ in the country and financing “revolutionary scenarios”.

Calls on the Georgian Government and the ruling party ‘Georgian Dream’ to:

- implement immediately the necessary reforms to comply with the 12 recommendations set by EU Commission;
- comply with the international sanctions against Russia;
- fully comply with EU’s SFSP decisions and declarations;
- start the procedures for humanitarian transfer of former president Mikheil Saakashvili;
- revoke new amendments in law about assemblies and manifestation;
- stop violence against the opposition leaders and activists;
- stop ongoing anti-Western and anti-Ukrainian propaganda.