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Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform

Statement

On the Occasion of Signing the EU-Georgia Association Agreement

Signing the Association Agreement with the European Union is one of the pivotal events in Georgia's recent past. The centuries-old aspiration of Georgian people towards European civilization gains the principal importance today, when Europe, namely, the European Union represents the single space of democracy, freedom, justice, peace, stability and security.

Under the Association Agreement, Georgia is granted the rights of the high quality friendship and cooperation within the European family. Its proper application will help Georgia develop political, social, cultural and scientific fields; attract investments and deepen cooperation in security, energy, industry and other spheres. The Agreement will open the way to the Georgian produce and services to the European market and will ensure the free movement of Georgian nationals in EU countries. The Association Agreement will help strengthen the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and will contribute to peaceful resolution of the existing conflicts.

By signing the Association Agreement, Georgia enters into the new phase of development that implies carrying out core reforms in different fields along with facing new challenges and obligations. Fulfilling the provisions of the Agreement will create the pre-conditions to the Georgia's membership of the EU; and it is the utmost important that in this process the Georgian government, political parties and civil society organizations feel more responsibility and unite on the way of advancement towards the common goal.

The Georgian National Platform congratulates the Georgian people with this significant event and wishes the steady progress on the European way of development and prosperity.

The signatory organizations (the members of Georgian National Platform):

1. Association "Green Alternative"
2. Association DEA for Disabled Women and Mothers of Disabled Children
3. Caucasus Environmental NGO network (CENN)
4. Cultural-Humanitarian Fund "Sukhumi"
5. Energy Efficiency Foundation
6. European Initiative - Liberal Academy Tbilisi
7. Foundation "Multi- Ethnic Resource Centre on Civic Education Development"
8. Georgian Association "Woman in Business"
9. Georgian Trade Union Confederation
10. Georgian Young Lawyers' Association
11. Human Rights Centre
12. Institute for the study of nationalism and conflict
13. International Center for Advancement of Research, Technology & Innovation (ICARTI)
14. Open Society Georgia Foundation
15. Partnership For Road Safety
16. Transparency International Georgia
17. Union "Article 42 of the Constitution"
18. United Public Movement "Multinational Georgia"
19. "Women Enterprise" Fund Georgia
20. International Foundation "LEA"
21. Samtskhe-Javakheti Regional Association "Toleranti"
22. Institute of Democracy
23. Human Rights House Tbilisi
24. Foundation for Media Development
25. Women's Initiatives supporting Group
26. International Center for Civic Culture
27. Women's Information Centre
28. Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia
29. Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS)
30. World Experience for Georgia (WEG)
31. The Economic Policy Research Center
32. Innovations and Reforms Center (IRC)
33. People's Harmonious Development Society
34. Fund - Ecology of Caucasus
35. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)
36. The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)
37. Caucasian House
38. CIESR - The Caucasian Institute for Economic and Social Research
39. The Greens Movement of Georgia / Friends of the Earth – Georgia
40. The European Law Students' Association

41. Civil Society Institute
42. International Association - Civitas Georgica
43. International Press Institute Georgian Committee
44. Save The Future Generation
45. Studio "Re"
46. Association "Atinati"
47. Association of Young Professionals in Energy of Georgia
48. International Center of Geopolitical research
49. IDP Association "Consent"
50. Healthy Children
51. Community Foundation GENIUS LOCI
52. Youth Alternative
53. Healthy World
54. Public Advocacy
55. International Society "Caucasian Mosaic"
56. Biological Farming Association "Elkana"
57. Election The Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia
58. Environment Development Centre
59. Psychea
60. International Organization of Human Rights protection and Prisoners social welfare
61. Youth for Justice
62. Caucasian House - Georgia
63. Caucasian University Women
64. Teachers' Union "Education and Universe"
65. Peaceful and Business Caucasus