



GEORGIAN NATIONAL PLATFORM

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

We would like to confirm our commitment to the consistent, inclusive process that requires participation of the civil society in the implementation a 12-point plan for obtaining the EU candidate status.

At the same time, we would like to express our concern regarding the high degree of political polarization, which has been recently manifested in various ways. The positions expressed by the Prime Minister of Georgia towards the civil society, as if they are agents of influence and representatives of the fifth column, are of particular concern. Such rhetoric creates a feeling that repressions, among them the ones against representatives of civil society, are most likely to be used. This attitude creates expectation of civil conflict, which seriously affects the implementation of tasks for European integration.

Regardless of these accusations or the positions undermining European integration and the democratic environment expressed by various actors from high tribunes, we express our readiness to participate in the existing, legitimate parliamentary formats to ensure implementation of the 12-point plan. All the more so after the Venice Commission provided notes and recommendations on the draft laws on judicial reform and desoligarchization to the Parliament of Georgia, whose implementation determines whether a candidate status will be granted to Georgia.