



**GEORGIAN
NATIONAL PLATFORM**

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

GNP statement on the draft law „On Transparency of Foreign Influence“

Member civil society organizations of the Georgian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum again express our protest against the introduction of the draft law “On Transparency of Foreign Influence” prepared by the several representatives of the majority of the Parliament of Georgia.

We would like to appeal to the Parliament of Georgia to promptly reject the implementation of the process that harms Georgia’s European future.

We hereby declare on our full responsibility that the adoption of the law will most likely become the reason for refusal to grant Georgia candidate status. This hint was given unambiguously by the highest European tribunals.

No one has the right to take steps directed against the vast majority of Georgian citizens, the Constitution of Georgia and the international obligations undertaken by the country.

The adoption of the law and accordingly, the anti-Western step will have serious consequences for Georgia not only in terms of hindering political and democratic development but in terms of undermining the country's defense and security systems, sharply reducing economic, among them foreign investments, and aggravating the social condition of citizens.

Every member of the parliament will definitely bear responsibility for the future of every citizen of Georgia, the Georgian nation.

We are ready to take part in discussions, among them in the ones held at the Parliament of Georgia, to explain our position on the level of principles regarding the extent of damage of the process and the need for its timely completion and, thus, use big or small opportunities for Georgia’s positive and pro-Western development.