

The Georgian National Platform (GNP) of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) responds to the decision of the parliamentary majority to "withdraw" the draft law on Transparency of Foreign Influence adopted in the first reading.

The Georgian society and especially the youth have been rightly protesting the draft law on Transparency of Foreign Influence adopted by the Parliamentary majority in the first reading, which we believe is undemocratic, unconstitutional, discriminatory and damaging to the European integration process.

Would like to urge to the Parliamentary majority to reject the draft law as soon as possible in accordance with the procedures established by the regulations and to completely cancel this initiative.

Moreover, the narrative format which the majority party intends to apply for conducting discussions undermining the European integration for Georgia is annoying, with regard to which we have provided persuasive responses.

The Georgian National Platform calls on the Government of Georgia to prevent the excessive use of force by law enforcement officers and to objectively investigate such facts that have happened and to provide legal response to them. We urge the relevant structures to immediately release the civilians arrested during the two-day protest.

The majority party has made a decision to withdraw the draft law as a result of the joint efforts of the Georgian society, non-governmental organizations, especially the youth and our Western partners and we would like to thank them for their endeavors.

The Georgian National Platform calls on all parties to concentrate on fulfilling the 12-point conditions to be granted EU candidate status, which is the most important task for our country!