

IDC-CDI statement

*in support of the Georgian citizens
in their pursuit of democracy and European accession*

The Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) expresses its deep concern about current political developments in Georgia, including the proposal made by the Georgian government of a “foreign agents’ law”, which clearly hinders progress in the consolidation of Georgian democratic institutions. This initiative and the clear adoption of anti-Western narratives damage even further the reputation of the Georgian government and raise questions about its commitment to the European course and its relationship with Russia’s autocratic regime.

We congratulate all Georgian citizens who bravely went to the streets to peacefully demand the withdrawal of this dangerous piece of legislation, showing their full commitment to democratic principles as well as to the sovereignty and independence of the Georgian state. The IDC-CDI expresses its strong support for the Georgian citizens in their fight for the right to pursue a European path and a future of democracy and freedom as a member of the European Union (EU).

We stand by the peoples of Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova and other countries facing the constant threats posed by the Russian regime, both of military and political nature. We stand ready to provide all political support to these countries in their struggle to defend their sovereignty and territorial integrity against Russian aggression.

In this regard, the IDC-CDI urges the Georgian authorities to:

- prove through actions their commitment to democratic principles, to the rule of Law, to human rights, and to the pursuit of improved social standards and EU membership;
- refrain from any attempts to resume the discussion of the “foreign agents’ law”;
- drop criminal charges against all citizens arrested during this week’s peaceful protests including political leaders, activists, and youth;
- allow former President Mikheil Saakashvili, whose life is at risk, to seek urgently needed medical care abroad;
- release the director of the main opposition TV channel, Nika Gvaramia, a victim of persecution against the free press in the country.