



## Georgia

*Resolution tabled by United National Movement of Georgia  
at the IDU Executive Meeting, December 09<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Washington D.C.*

The International Democrat Union is very concerned with continued imprisonment and ill-treatment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> President of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili by the Georgian authorities. The alarming rapid aggravation of his health to a critical condition, as confirmed by a comprehensive medical examination and report of highly reputable local and international expert groups, as well as the Public Defender of Georgia, points to the inadequacy of the medical treatment provided to Mr. Saakashvili in Georgia and leads to an urgent necessity of his immediate release from Georgian prison and transfer to another country where the ex-President can receive proper medical care for his recovery and rehabilitation.

The Georgian government's continued attempts of politicization of the process, escalation of polarization with provocative statements by the government officials and the ruling party's leadership, ignorance of the medical reports of highly qualified experts, in addition to the earlier instances of torture and inhuman treatment in prison violating Mikheil Saakashvili's privacy, honor and dignity, once again prove the clear political revenge against former President – "a political prisoner opposed to Putin" as noted in the PACE resolution of 13 October 2022.

Having regard for the 12 recommendations delivered by the European Commission to Georgia as a clear roadmap to obtaining the EU membership candidate status, which would mark another milestone on Georgia's path of European integration, the selective justice and political persecution against political opponents and the free media (sentencing of Mtavari TV Director Nika Gvaramia) will only further entrench the state capture by a sole oligarch Bidzina Ivanishvili weaponizing the state institutions to strengthen his grip on power, at the same time, shattering the strong Euro-Atlantic aspirations of the vast majority of the Georgian people by the increasingly disturbing authoritarian tendencies in the country that puts Georgia's European future at risk.

Whereas the International Democrat Union remains a steadfast supporter of Georgia's European and Euro-Atlantic aspirations, the International Democrat Union:

Calls on the Georgian government to stop the political retribution, torture and inhuman treatment against former President Mikheil Saakashvili and ensure his safe and immediate humanitarian transfer to another country for proper medical treatment;

Calls on the President of Georgia Salome Zourabichvili to make her remarkable contribution to depolarization in this historic time for Georgia, explore her constitutional powers to release Nika Gvaramia from prison, and to save President Saakashvili's life through presidential pardon in order to prevent the tragic consequences of the government's negligence and crime against the 3<sup>rd</sup> President of Georgia.