



United States Mission to the OSCE

The Human Rights Situation in Georgia

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The United States appreciates Germany raising this important topic. On December 20, 2024, we joined 37 other participating States in invoking the Vienna Mechanism to express our concerns about developments in Georgia and to request more information. We look forward to continuing to engage with Georgia on these and other questions about respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms through a frank and open dialogue.

The Georgian Dream's ongoing anti-democratic actions raise questions about Georgia's stated commitments to the principles enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act and other OSCE documents. A free and independent media landscape, respect for human rights and the freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly, association and religion or belief, and a robust civil society are necessary conditions for a resilient, strong democracy. As Vice President Vance said in Munich, you cannot win a democratic mandate by censoring your opponents or putting them in jail, nor can you win one by disregarding your electorate on questions like who gets to be a part of our shared society.

We encourage Georgia's government to address fully the concerns outlined and to engage positively and pro-actively with OSCE institutions, including by accepting offers of technical assistance from the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the Representative on Freedom of the Media, and making full use of their expertise.

The United States has been a partner to Georgia and the Georgian people for 33 years. We reiterate our continued support for Georgia's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

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