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To all MEPs signatories of the letter regarding the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation report on presidential elections held in Georgia

*Dear Colleagues,*

I would like to thank you for your letter in which you refer to the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation report regarding the presidential elections held in Georgia in late 2018. Your letter mentions a number of specific concerns.

Let me assure you that I am aware of the findings of the report and I have encouraged Georgia to address these shortcomings and to fulfil the OSCE/ODIHR recommendations ahead of the 2020 parliamentary elections.

In my meeting with President Zourabichvili during her first international visit to Brussels last January, I conveyed to her the expectation that the polarisation that we have witnessed during the electoral campaign should now be replaced by efforts at reconciliation and dialogue.

The EU-Georgia Association Council on 5 March jointly agreed on the importance of addressing all OSCE/ODIHR recommendations in order to strengthen further the environment favourable for the democratic conduct of elections, especially in view of the parliamentary elections in 2020. The EU Delegation in Tbilisi is committed to follow the process to be launched by the Speaker of the Parliament aimed at initiating legislative actions to fulfil ODIHR's recommendations.

We will have a further opportunity to discuss the matter at the upcoming EU-Georgia Human Rights dialogue on 23 May in Tbilisi, as we expect a specific agenda point to be dedicated to following up on the elections.

Yours sincerely,



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