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The functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia

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In the draft resolution, replace paragraph 5 with the following paragraph:

"The Assembly reiterates the importance of continued reforms to ensure the independence of the judiciary and the administration of justice in Georgia. In that respect, it welcomes the adoption of a comprehensive reform package for the judiciary and the justice system that aims to ensure genuine independence of the judiciary and a truly adversarial justice system. The Assembly welcomes signals that the judiciary is now working more independently. However, continuing vulnerabilities and deficiencies in the justice system need to be addressed. The Assembly welcomes the continued strong commitment of all relevant authorities to continue reform and to implement adopted reforms. However, it regrets that the Georgian Parliament could not find the consensus necessary to elect all of its six members in the High Council of Justice. Further reforms of the judiciary, including of the prosecution services, are therefore necessary. In this respect, the Assembly:"

Explanatory note

Judicial reform is ongoing in Georgia and is a very high priority for the government. High profile legal cases have indeed been sensitive but they have been heavily scrutinised by international observers and have so far been found to be fair and transparent.

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