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The functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia

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In the draft resolution, replace paragraph 10.2 with the following paragraph:

"recognises the importance of ensuring that no-one is above the law, but urges Georgia to continue to pay careful attention to due process and to ensure that the investigation and prosecution of former government officials are conducted impartially, transparently and in full respect of the principles of a fair trial, as enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights. It emphasises that not only should selective or politically motivated justice not take place, it should also be seen to be not taking place. The Assembly welcomes the commitment of the Prime Minister and members of the government to ensure that the trials are free and fair, including by ensuring transparency. The Assembly also recognises efforts by the Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia to follow and implement recommendations from the EU Special Advisor Hammerberg and the US Justice Department prosecutors stationed in the country, on how to best meet international standards throughout the investigations and the prosecutions;"

Explanatory note

The government of Georgia is committed to implementing its international commitments, including by ensuring the rule of law and accountability for past human rights abuses and by ensuring that this process meets the highest international standards. Judicial reforms and international/civil society oversight ensure that legal and judicial process is free and fair.

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