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The functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia

Amendment¹ No. 33

In the draft resolution, after paragraph 3, insert the following paragraph:

"The Assembly expresses its concern over the reported interference by the former Prime Minister and the founder of the ruling coalition, Bidzina Ivanishvili, in the Georgian Government's decision making. Not holding any office since his resignation in 2013, Mr Ivanishvili stands outside the constitutional framework. Senior ministers, including the Prime Minister, have publicly confirmed that they regularly "consult" Mr Ivanishvili."

Explanatory note

The amendment aims to highlight the fact indisputed by the Government -that former PM Ivanishvili continues to remain the Government's top decision-maker. This is clearly in conflict with the Constitution and basic logic of any democratic government. Only individuals holding elected offices should govern.

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