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The functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia

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In the draft resolution, paragraph 2, after the second sentence, insert the following sentence:

"It has to be noted that 2 years on, almost the entire leadership of the former ruling party has been arrested or is under prosecution or investigation: former PM and UNM Secretary General, Vano Merabishvili, former Defence Minister, Bacho Akhalaia, and former Tbilisi mayor and UNM campaign manager, Gigi Ugulava, are in prison (pre-trial detention). The former President, Mikheil Saakashvili, has also been charged and sentenced to pre-trial detention in absentia as well as former Minister of Defence, David Kesarashvili, and former Minister of Justice, Zurab Adeishvili."

Explanatory note

This amendment aims to state what is undisputed: prosecution en masse of opposition figures and, in particular, frequent application of pre-trial detention against them (noted in the report) has become a serious sign of Georgia's democratic backsliding.

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