



## EUROPEAN UNION

### **OSCE Permanent Council Nr 941 Vienna, 14 February 2013**

---

#### **EU statement on developments in Georgia**

---

The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the statement issued on behalf of High Representative Catherine Ashton and European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy Štefan Füle on developments in Georgia on 9 February 2013:

“The High Representative and the Commissioner are concerned at signs of deterioration of the power-sharing arrangement between the Georgian Dream and United National Movement parties in Georgia - the ongoing stand-off around constitutional issues and most recently around the delivery of the President’s annual address in the Parliament developed into open confrontation yesterday, with United National Movement lawmakers facing an attack by demonstrators outside the site for the President’s annual address.

The EU considers it of paramount importance for the future of Georgia’s democracy that all political actors and institutions in Georgia be accorded due respect, in line with our shared European values.

The High Representative and the Commissioner call on all actors in Georgian politics to refrain from instrumentalising the processes or institutions of the state for partisan or for party political purposes. They are deeply concerned by the violent incidents in front of the National Library and call upon all parties to act in a responsible way, and to refrain from any violence.”

The Acceding Country Croatia\*, the Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\*, Montenegro\*, Iceland+ and Serbia\*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.

\* Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

+ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.