



EMBASSY OF GEORGIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
PERMANENT MISSION OF GEORGIA TO THE OSCE AND OTHER
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S t a t e m e n t

of the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the OSCE,

Ambassador Paata Gaprindashvili

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Mr. Chairman,

Georgia welcomes the release of opposition leader Andrei Sannikov and opposition activist Dmitry Bondarenko from prison by the Belarusian authorities. We express our hope that it will facilitate the renewal of a direct dialogue between Belarus and the EU and the country's full-fledged participation in the Eastern Partnership initiative, as well as normalization and further development of Belarus-EU relations, which, on its part, will promote strengthening of democracy in Belarus.

Thank you.