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**EU statement on the Second Round of the Parliamentary
Elections in Georgia**

The European Union congratulates Georgia on the successful completion of the parliamentary elections.

According to the preliminary conclusions of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission, the elections were competitive and administered in a manner that respected the rights of candidates and voters despite the lack of a legal framework for the second round elections and complaints related to first round results. Election day procedures were conducted in a smooth and professional manner and assessed positively by observers, as election commissions were better prepared and adherence to procedures improved. The European Union is ready to continue its cooperation with Georgia on these issues.

The European Union is committed to a stable, democratic and prosperous future of Georgia. Once the electoral process has been completed, we look forward to working with the democratically elected new Parliament and Government to deepen our political and economic relations based on the joint commitments of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement. It will be important that all representatives elected to the new Parliament work together in the interest of Georgia.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, SERBIA* and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA countries ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE and the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.