



GEORGIA

Summit for Democracy Written Statement

Judicial Reform

Implement further judicial reform based on an in-depth assessment of the implementation of the previous waves of judicial reform. The reform shall be implemented through an inclusive process, with an active participation of the parliamentary political parties, civil society organizations as well as international and local experts. The Venice Commission's and ODIHR's conclusions, as well as the international best practice, shall be fully taken into consideration.

The reform shall aim:

- to further enhance transparency and merit-based selections in the appointment of judges to the First Instance and Appeal Courts;
- to adopt the legislation implementing the ruling of the Constitutional Court of Georgia from June 2019 by setting rules for publication of judicial decisions.

These reforms shall be carried out no later than during the Spring 2022 Parliamentary Session.

Electoral Reform

Undertake further Election Code reform effort through an inclusive process with participation of the parliamentary political parties and civil society organizations. The process shall be based on findings from the 2021 Municipal Elections. ODIHR's recommendations shall be duly taken into consideration.

Human Rights

- Commit to adopt the second National Human Rights Strategy in the first half of 2022, which would strengthen civil, political, economic, and social rights in Georgia. The National Human Rights Strategy will reflect the constitutional guarantees on equality and ensure the full



enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms without discrimination. The National Human Rights Strategy puts special focus on the rights and freedoms of IDPs and refugees as well as people living near and beyond the Administrative Boundary Line, who consistently suffer from Russia’s illegal occupation of Georgian territories;

- Commit to adopt the National Action Plan on Combating violence against Women and Domestic Violence in the first half of 2022;
- Commit to adopt the National Action Plan for the implementation of the UNSC Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security in the first half of 2022;
- Commit to finalize and adopt the National Concept Document on Women’s Economic Empowerment by the first quarter of 2022;
- Commit to increase the access to state support services and decrease the existing barriers by abolishing the “victim status” by the third quarter of 2022.