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## Levan Ioseliani supports PACE resolution, minus amendment where Saakashvili is considered a political prisoner

The leader of the 'Citizens' Party, Levan Ioseliani, said that he supported the resolution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), but he did not agree with the amendment made to this resolution, which talks about Mikheil Saakashvili's political imprisonment.

Ioseliani said that according to the regulations, it was possible to vote only for the resolution and not for the amendment, and he did so.

According to Ioseliani, the European Council's resolution, which provides for the declaration of Russia as a terrorist state and the supply of additional weapons to Ukraine, had full consolidation on the part of the representatives.

In his opinion, this resolution is very important in terms of content "because it confirms Russia's aggressive policy, the fact that Russia is a terrorist state and it is on the wrong side of history," said Ioseliani.

The deputy stated that the only inconvenience was created when the issue of the fourth amendment arose, which included Mikheil Saakashvili among the political prisoners. According to Ioseliani, this amendment "actually had nothing to do with this resolution".

"A very important resolution was adopted both in the European Council, in Strasbourg, and in the United Nations. As you know, there was also a resolution that condemned the occupation of four regions. Only five countries did not support this resolution in the UN, which once again proves how isolated Russia is from the civilized world.



As for the resolution of the European Council, here too there was complete consolidation and unanimity on the part of the representatives. This resolution is very important in its content, because it confirms Russia's aggressive policy, that Russia is a terrorist state and that it is on the wrong side of history. Today, Russia's policy is actually condemned by the entire civilized world.

The only inconvenience was that a fourth definition was introduced at the last moment, which actually had nothing to do with this resolution. There was talk about political prisoners and Mikheil Saakashvili is mentioned in brackets. The note was introduced at the initiative of Ukrainian deputies and others also signed it. The rules provided for the possibility to support the resolution, but

not to support its additions, which you do not agree with, and I did just that.

I made a statement at the plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and said that I supported the resolution declaring Russia a terrorist state, but I did not agree with the amendment regarding Saakashvili," said Levan Ioseliani.

On October 13, the Parlia-

mentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) supported the resolution, which provides for the declaration of the current Russian regime as a terrorist and the provision of weapons to Ukraine.

In the Parliamentary Assembly, 99 deputies supported the resolution under the name "Another escalation of the Russian Federation against Ukraine".



## Lasha Khutsishvili meets with Deputy Head of the General Directorate for Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement of European Union

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In the United States of America, within the framework of the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank

Group, the Minister of Finance Lasha Khutsishvili met with the Deputy Head of the General Directorate for Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement of the

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European Union, Katarina Mathernova. The Ministry of Finance disseminates information about this.

According to their information, Deputy Ministers Ekaterine Guntsadze and Mirza Gelashvili attended the meeting. The Minister of Finance emphasized the importance of EU assistance programs to Georgia. At the meeting, attention was focused on the issues included in the cooperation agenda between Georgia and the European Union, among them,

the conversation touched on the implementation of the 12 recommendations of the European Commission.

Lasha Khutsishvili informed the Deputy Head of the General Directorate for Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement of the European Union about the macro-economic parameters of the country for 2022-2023 and noted the positive dynamics that the country has in the direction of economic growth despite the difficult situation in the region.

"The parties discussed the challenges in the region, the

impact of Russia's military aggression in Ukraine on both regional and world economies. One of the topics of discussion was issues related to energy efficiency policy and the possibility of making new investments in this direction in both the public and private sectors.

At the end of the meeting, the parties expressed their readiness to continue active cooperation on strengthening the support of the European Union in the process of structural and economic reforms in the country," the information reads.

## The News in Brief

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Georgia fully shares world messages directed against Russia, says Levan Ioseliani

world message directed against Russia for a country that has already experienced Russian aggression on its own territories.

Levan Ioseliani touched upon the issue of Georgia's integration into European structures and noted that nothing can stop the



Vice-Speaker and a member of Georgian parliamentary delegation Levan Ioseliani said at the plenary session of the fall session of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly in Strasbourg that Georgia fully shares the world's messages against Russia.

Levan Ioseliani reminded the members of the assembly that Georgia has already experienced Russian aggression and that the population of Georgia supports the resolutions of the United Nations and the Council of Europe. According to his statement, it is impossible not to share the

desire of the Georgian population to be an integral part of Europe.

"At the plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, I spoke about Russia's aggressive policy and the unanimity of the West against this aggression,

The assembly voted in favor of a resolution that affirms the terrorist nature of the Russian regime.

Today, the entire civilized world actually condemns Russia's policy, and no matter how ambiguous statements the Georgian government makes, no matter how much we complain about the lack of pro-Ukraine statements from the ruling team, the Georgian people really stand by this unanimous position and are loyal to their declared European choice" Levan Ioseliani said.

Badri Japaridze says he does not see Georgia getting EU candidacy under 'Georgian Dream'

"The European Union has opened the door to Georgia, but the "Georgian Dream" is standing at the door. Our task is to push the "Dream" out the door.

In order to bring the country into the European Union, Badri Japaridze, one of the leaders of the "Lelo - for Georgia" party, said this while talking to journalists.

According to him, instead of the ruling party working closely with the USA or the European Union to protect the country from possible threats, they attack the United States, its ambassador and shamelessly criticize the activities of the European Union. "The European Union has opened its door to Georgia, the member states of the European Union have already taken this decision, but



the "Georgian dream" is standing in these doors, and our task is to push the "dream" out of the door in order to bring the country into the European Union. Under the conditions of the new, multi-party, coalition government, Georgia will receive the candidate status in 3 months.

Unfortunately, we do not see a possibility for the country to receive the status of a candidate

for EU membership under the "Georgian Dream" rule. Fulfilling the recommendations of the European Union practically means changing the governance of "Georgian Dream", for which the governing team is not ready, therefore, until there is a multi-party governance, we will not be able to move forward on the path of integration into the European Union." said Badri Japaridze.

## EBRD invests US\$ 13.8 million in first green bond listed in Georgia

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has invested US\$ 13.8 million in the first green bond listed and traded on the Georgian stock exchange.

The US\$ 80 million green secured bond offering by the Georgian Renewable Power Operations (GRPO) is also the first corporate issuance of this size in the country. The EBRD supported the issuance of the bond.

Through the investment, the GRPO is set to promote gender

equality across the male-dominated energy sector and will implement outreach campaigns to raise awareness of the importance of women's participation in the sector.



### Weather

Monday, October 17

Day Light Rain  
High: 18°C

Night Light Rain  
Low: 14°C

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