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The Embassy of Georgia to the Benelux Countries and Mission of Georgia to the European Communities present its compliments to the European Parliament and has the honour to transmit the Resolution of the Parliament of Georgia on Integration of Georgia into NATO and the Appeal of the Parliament of Georgia to the Parliaments of NATO member-states.

The Embassy of Georgia to the Benelux Countries and Mission of Georgia to the European Communities avails itself the opportunity to renew to the European Parliament the assurance of its highest consideration.

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RESOLUTION

of the Parliament of Georgia on Integration of Georgia into NATO

The Parliament of Georgia:

Guided by the strong will of the people of Georgia to build a united, democratic and European state;

Realizing the new geo-political realities in Georgia and outside that have emerged from the enlargement of European and Euro-Atlantic institutions, from the threat of international terrorism and from ongoing democratic developments in Eastern Europe;

Affirming that Georgia's accession to NATO represents not only the unified will of Georgia's authorities, but also the subject of absolute agreement between major political parties across the spectrum and of wide public consensus;

Declaring that the strengthening of democracy, successful institutionalization of reforms, development of democratic institutions and peaceful, political settlement of conflicts are closely linked with Georgia's integration into NATO;

Considering that Georgia's membership in NATO provides further guarantees that will strengthen the state through establishing a safe environment for democratic development of the country and its people;

Expressing its strong political will to promote the extension of democratic values in the region, contribute to strengthening European and Euro-Atlantic security, including the development of Georgia's Defense policy as an integral part of our common European and Euro-Atlantic security;

Considering the participation of the country's military forces in NATO-led peace operations as demonstrative proof that Georgia is a reliable ally;

Welcoming the progress achieved by Georgia in the process of fulfilling its commitments to NATO;

Underlining that in the event that Georgia meets the accession requirements envisaged by NATO procedures and still Georgia's accession to the organization is delayed, it would be a very encouraging message to all those forces, who aim at impeding the peaceful and democratic development of Georgia and of further strengthening and enlargement of NATO.

Proceeding from the aforementioned, the Parliament of Georgia resolves:

1. To entrust the executive authorities of Georgia with the task of maintaining the process of realizing the obligations fully and in due time that are required for the accession to NATO, and for this purpose to intensify the work with all the NATO member-states, as well as with the NATO International Staff.
2. To ask the legislative bodies of NATO member-states, as well as the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, to support Georgia's timely and successful accession to NATO.

Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia

Nino Burjanadze

Tbilisi
11 May, 2006

APPEAL

of the Parliament of Georgia to the Parliaments of NATO member-states

The Parliament of Georgia reaffirms the strong will of the people of Georgia to build a united, democratic and European state;

The democratically elected authorities of Georgia express their strong political will and commitment to encourage the establishment and extension of democratic values in the region; contribute to strengthening European and Euro-Atlantic security; and develop Georgia's defense policy as an integral part of common European and Euro-Atlantic security policy;

Georgia's accession to NATO represents the overwhelming consensus of Georgia's authorities, and includes the absolute agreement among major political parties across the spectrum and wide public consensus;

The Parliament of Georgia calls upon the parliaments of NATO member-states to render support to Georgia in its efforts to become a member of the Euro-Atlantic Alliance.

We strongly believe that Georgia's integration into NATO will be conducive to further strengthening NATO, as well as to fostering ongoing democratic process in our country and their irreversibility, the successful development of reforms and the further strengthening of democratic institutions, including the peaceful, comprehensive and political settlement of existing conflicts.

Georgia, in the process of fulfilling its commitments to NATO, has achieved tangible progress: namely appointment of a civilian to the post of the Minister of Defense as provided by law; a system of defense planning has been developed and modified; the Soviet-era model of a General Staff is currently being replaced with a Western-style Joint Staff; Parliamentary supervision and oversight in the field of defense reform and policy has increased; compliance of legislative norms on the basis of NATO standards has been achieved; the social conditions of military and civilian personnel have improved substantially; the quality of operative compliance of Georgian military forces with NATO military forces has considerably improved. We reaffirm that these reforms have been carried out in full accordance with NATO standards.

Georgia considers the participation of its military forces in NATO-led peace operations in Afghanistan and Kosovo as demonstrative proof that Georgia is a reliable and functioning ally, striving to make its contribution to the process of global peace and stability.

We once again affirm that accession to NATO is the major foreign policy priority of Georgian authorities.

We wish to note that in the event Georgia meets the accession requirements envisaged by NATO procedures, the introduction of additional barriers to the integration process would only serve to encourage and empower those forces who aim at impeding Georgia's peaceful and democratic development.

We ask you to consider the new geo-political realities in Georgia and outside, as well as the tendency towards enlargement of European and Euro-Atlantic institutions, ongoing democratic developments in the Eastern Europe, the threat of international terrorism and to render support to Georgia in its efforts to become a member of the common system of European security.

Tbilisi

11 May, 2006