

Declaration of Unity by the Georgian Opposition

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Whereas we are gravely concerned by recent attacks of Georgian Dream, led by oligarch Bidzina Ivanishvili, and the Government, subservient to the same oligarch, on basic values of democracy and their deliberate attempts to derail Georgia's path towards membership in the EU and NATO;

Whereas we are united around the Georgian Charter and all the immediate goals of this Charter, as they were presented by the President Salome Zourabichvili;

We declare our unity before and after the forthcoming elections to the Parliament of Georgia in order:

- to democratically liberate the country from the state-capture by oligarch Bidzina Ivanishvili and his servile Georgian Dream party;*
- to bring Georgia back on the road of rapid integration towards the European Union.*

In order to achieve these goals, we shall do everything needed to unite and to win decisively the forthcoming elections.

We shall do so together with the civil society of Georgia and with all the citizens of Georgia who are supporting and defending the Georgian path towards Europe.

Therefore, to win the forthcoming elections, we sign this Declaration of Unity before and after the parliamentary elections.

We agree:

- to maximise our efforts ahead of the elections in order not to lose a single vote because of the challenge to overcome the 5% electoral threshold;*
- at the latest by 8 July 2024 to find the most effective configuration model of our unity with the biggest added value;*
- to keep discussions on subject matters within an ethical framework and to avoid attacks on each other before and after elections;*
- to counter the Georgian Dream propaganda in a unified effort;*

- to agree to create the governing coalition after the parliamentary elections to implement the provisions of the Georgian Charter;
- to commit in the new Parliament not to give any votes to form a government where Georgian Dream will participate;
- after parliamentary elections, in the forthcoming Presidential elections, to rally behind a single agreed candidate;
- to seek unity of strategic political purposes and actions with the protest movement and all the activists, who were and still are fighting in the streets to defend democracy and to return Georgia to the Euro-Atlantic path;
- to appeal and mobilize the participation of all Georgian voters living abroad in the elections and to ask partner countries to facilitate this process;
- to agree to coordinate efforts to protect and defend every vote against any kind of undue interference;
- to ask Western partners to use all available means to defend the right of Georgian citizens to participate in fair and transparent elections, since such a possibility can be deliberately denied by Georgian Dream authorities;
- to call on OSCE/ODIHR, the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and other relevant bodies to ensure a sizeable long-term observation of parliamentary elections.

For the moment, the following Georgian opposition political parties have signed this declaration to which other parties can join:

1. United National Movement

2. Girchi More Freedom

3. Ahali party

4. Lelo

5. Droa

6. Strategy Aghmashenebeli