ALDA Calls for Dialogue and Democratic Principles Amid Rising Tensions in Georgia

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We are closely following the recent developments in Georgia and are deeply concerned about the rising tensions in the country. ALDA, the European Association for Local Democracy reaffirms its commitment to supporting local democracy and promoting peaceful, inclusive dialogue, even in challenging circumstances, within the perspective of accession to the EU of the country.

We urge authorities to prioritise the principles of democracy, respect for the rule of law, and safeguarding fundamental freedoms, including the rights to peaceful assembly and free expression. Acts of violence must be avoided and stopped, and we call on the authorities to exercise restraint while addressing the concerns of the public.

At this pivotal moment, we stand ready to work with our members in Georgia to strengthen democratic institutions and foster constructive engagement for the benefit of all citizens.

ALDA has been present in Georgia since 2004, in particular with the presence of the Local Democracy Agency in Kutaisi.

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