



**SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**STATEMENT
ON THE EVENTS IN TBILISI**

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Vilnius

The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

affirming that the relations with Georgia is an important priority of the foreign policy of the Republic of Lithuania,

respecting the choice of Georgia's citizens to build their country's future in the democratic transatlantic community,

noting that, in the midst of ongoing geopolitical tensions in the region, the Parliament of Georgia should seek a comprehensive political consensus on key decisions related to the development of democracy and the rule of law,

welcomes the meeting between the ruling Georgian Dream and the opposition, which took place on 30 November 2019;

hopes that freedom of assembly and expression is fully guaranteed and the excessive force is not used;

expresses its hope that peaceful dialogue will continue and create the necessary conditions for solutions that will reduce political polarisation and enhance democracy and pluralism in the country;

calls on all political forces and civil society in Georgia to continue the peaceful dialogue that could best meet Georgia's national interests.

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Chair of the Committee