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Joint Statement of Business Associations

EU membership candidate status applications made by Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova is a significant historical process. It is noteworthy that large part of the population of above-mentioned countries supports European Integration.

In view of the above, the undersigned associations express their readiness to ensure:

1. All efforts to be done to conduct the EU application process appropriately and effectively as well as join efforts to support this crucial process, through consultations with the Government of Georgia as well as with diplomatic missions accredited in Georgia and partner NGOs.
2. Consultations in Brussels with the high representatives of Commissioners of “European Neighborhood and Enlargement”, “Trade” and “European External Action Service”.

Considering difficult geopolitical situation in Europe, it is vital for Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova to receive candidate status, which will be a strong outline for the future development.

Despite the significant challenges in our country, this historic opportunity should not be missed.

We fully support the granting of EU membership candidate status and appeal to the EU Delegation to Georgia to submit this statement to the relevant EU institutions.

EU-Georgia Business Council

**Georgian Distributors Business
Association**

**International Chamber of
Commerce in Georgia**

Georgian Producers' Federation

Tax Payers Union

Banking Association of Georgia