EU and Georgia sign Framework Agreement on participation in EU crisis management operations

The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Maia Panjikidze, signed today a Framework Agreement for the participation of Georgia in EU crisis management operations.

Negotiations on the agreement were launched exactly one year ago during the High Representative’s visit to Tbilisi on 26 November 2012. Since then, Georgia has been invited to participate in three new EU Common Security and Defence Policy operations and responded positively. The Framework Participation Agreement signed today will enable this participation and facilitate the stepping-up of bilateral co-operation.

The Agreement provides a permanent legal basis for the involvement of Georgia in ongoing and future EU crisis management efforts around the world. It can be activated whenever Georgia, upon the European Union’s invitation, decides to join an EU crisis management operation. The Agreement is also a sign of the political will on both sides to further develop EU-Georgia dialogue and co-operation in the area of CSDP and it marks Georgia’s readiness to engage alongside the EU in contributing to global security.

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