



United States Mission to the OSCE

On the October 26 Parliamentary Elections in Georgia

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On October 29, President Biden expressed his deep alarm at Georgia's recent democratic backsliding. The country's parliamentary elections, he noted, were marred by numerous recorded misuses of administrative resources, as well as voter intimidation and coercion.

As President Biden affirmed, the United States has long stood with the Georgian people and supported Georgia's sovereignty, territorial integrity, and Euro-Atlantic aspirations. It continues to do so and supports the ability of individuals in Georgia to exercise their rights to freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly, without interference or fear.

Statements by Russian officials ahead of the election questioning the motives and impartiality of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights' observation mission are baseless and self-serving. Russia's attempt to undermine confidence in the observation of Georgia's election is itself a form of interference.

The United States fully supports the work of all OSCE election observation missions, including in Georgia.

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