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Re : *A-804800 - Your Letter dated November 2010 to President Barroso*  
Subject : *Human rights situation in Georgia*

Dear Irma Inashvili,

On behalf of the European Commission President Barroso, I would like to thank you for your letter of 3 November 2010.

Georgia's democratic development, the respect of rule of law and human rights are core principles of EU-Georgia relations. The EU has established platforms and agreements with Georgia, in order to guarantee continuous improvement of the democratic and human rights situation in Georgia. This does not only consist of the EU's monitoring of the situation but also a regular dialogue and exchange of information on these fundamental issues.

According to the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Dialogues with third countries, the EU is committed to addressing the plight of human rights issues in every single session of the the EU-Georgia human rights dialogue, and agreements stipulate the right of the EU to raise individual cases and the need for the third country to submit a response. This has been the case in the dialogue with Georgia and I would also like to reassure you that this will continue to be the case in the future.

Consequently, we would like to thank you for bringing this case to our attention and we reassure you that we will be following this closely.

At the same time, we trust that the case taken before the European Court of Human Rights will be considered in an objective and independent manner by this respectful court, which monitors respect for the human rights of 800 million Europeans in the 47 Council of Europe member States that have ratified the Convention.

Yours Sincerely,

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