

***Conclusions of the first joint meeting of the European and Georgian Domestic
Advisory Groups within the EU-Georgia Association Agreement***

Tbilisi, 26 January 2016

Representatives of the European and Georgian Domestic Advisory Groups (DAGs), set up under the Trade and Sustainable Development Chapter of the Association Agreement between the European Union and Georgia, held their first joint meeting in Tbilisi on 26 January 2016.

The participants expressed their commitment to fulfil the mandate foreseen in the Trade and Sustainable Development Chapter of the Association Agreement, namely to monitor the implementation of the Chapter and to provide advice to the Parties to the Agreement.

They considered that joint meetings of representatives of the DAGs provide a useful framework for a structured and in-depth discussion on matters of common interest.

The two DAGs adopted a working method to guide such meetings.

The two DAGs discussed the issue of balanced representation of the three groups of stakeholders and agreed to raise this question with the Georgian Party.

They agreed to notify the Association Sub-Committee on Trade and Sustainable Development of the following issues of priority for the DAGs:

- Trade related labour issues, as mentioned under Article 229 of the Association Agreement;
- Transparency, as mentioned under Article 237 of the Association Agreement.

The DAGs would draw up and approve in advance proposals for topics for discussion at the next meeting.

The participants commended the work done by the Georgian DAG as the host in preparing and organizing the first joint meeting of representatives of the Domestic Advisory Groups from both sides.
