

**Question for written answer E-002815/2024
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign
Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: Parliamentary elections in Georgia on 26 October 2024

The Georgian Central Electoral Commission reported that the ruling Georgian Dream party received the highest number of votes (53.92%) in the elections to the Georgian Parliament held on 26 October. This result enabled Georgian Dream to form the government on its own.

However, numerous reports confirming violations of electoral procedures and the unprecedented scale of administrative resources committed by the ruling party undermine the principle of freedom and equality of the electoral process and, consequently, the result of the elections itself.

On 5 November, a court in Tetrtskaro declared that votes cast at 30 polling stations in the Lower Kartli region in the south-east of the country were invalid as the principle of voting secrecy had been violated.

The President of Georgia, Salome Zourabichvili, has said that she does not recognise the results of the parliamentary elections and has called for protests.

In this connection:

1. Will the Vice-President / High Representative ask Georgia for detailed explanations concerning any allegations of irregularities in the electoral process?
2. Does the Vice-President / High Representative intend to carry out an independent investigation into the conduct of the parliamentary elections in Georgia?
3. In the event of further evidence of electoral fraud and the forming of a new parliament on the basis of falsified results, what will be the Commission's policy towards Georgia, in particular in the context of the country's efforts thus far to further integrate into the structures of the European Union and NATO?

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