## **Open Letter**

To Mr. Donald Trump, President of the United States of America

To Mr. J.D. Vance, Vice President of the United States of America

A few weeks ago, I addressed you in a letter concerning US-Georgia relations. That letter was preceded by my public statements, in which I openly expressed Georgia's readiness to renew our strategic partnership with the United States from a clean slate, guided by a specific roadmap.

However, to this day, we have not received a response to our letter or to the public statements. Moreover, no communication has taken place at the highest level between the Governments of Georgia and the United States.

This silence is surprising to both the Georgian people and the Government of Georgia for several reasons:

• First and foremost, for many years Georgia has been the most reliable partner of the United States in our highly volatile region—one that holds strategic importance for the USA. Georgia has stood by the United States in the world's most critical hotspots, including Iraq and Afghanistan, where Georgia contributed the highest number of troops per capita. Through participation in just these two missions, our small country helped the USA save 2.5 billion USD —an amount that far exceeds the actual (!) aid Georgia has received from the USA budget. (By "actual aid," we do not mean the funds allocated from the U.S. budget during 2008–2011 to preserve the regime of former president Mikheil Saakashvili after he initiated a war with Russia at the behest of the Deep State. Nor do we consider as "actual aid" the funds channeled through the USA Embassy, USAID, NED, the Soros Foundation and other similar entities—funds that were used to incite radicalism

and hatred, organize revolutions, undermine the image of the Georgian Orthodox Church, encourage religious extremism, weaken state institutions, promote gender and LGBT propaganda and pursue other such goals.) Considering that Georgia has long remained a true strategic partner to the United States—and continues to express readiness to renew this partnership—the silence from the new administration is both unexpected and perplexing for the Government of Georgia and people alike.

- According to international rankings, Georgia is a regional leader in terms of democracy, rule of law, human rights, media freedom, judicial independence, strength of state institutions, low levels of corruption and other key indicators. Georgia's leadership is confirmed even by institutions that your administration particularly trusts. Taking all this into account—and given that your administration actively engages in dialogue and communication with numerous states, including some that are openly undemocratic and authoritarian—your silence with regard to Georgia lacks any logical explanation from our perspective.
- What is especially important is that, if we examine the public rhetoric of our government and your administration, a striking alignment of values and ideology becomes evident. We spoke openly about the criminal activities of the Deep State, USAID, NED and other related entities several years before you made identical statements. Our assessments regarding the war in Ukraine, gender and LGBT propaganda, and many other issues are completely aligned. Against the backdrop of such strong value-based and ideological convergence, the Georgian people initially expected that Georgia would be among the first countries to attract particular interest from your administration. Such interest, for example, has been shown toward Romania and Germany, where, with the support of European bureaucracy, undemocratic actions have taken place. However, to the surprise of both the Georgian people and ourselves, your administration has shown no such attention toward Georgia to this day.

Moreover, the completely incomprehensible sanctions against Georgia's Deputy Prime Minister and other government officials remain in force—sanctions imposed for effectively preventing the attempted revolution and violence planned by the Biden administration and financed through USAID. In addition, just a few days ago, the US Congress passed an absurd law—the so-called Friendship Act—which is deeply hostile toward the Georgian people and the government they democratically elected. Given the

meaning of the word "friend," this law brings to mind George Orwell's model, in which war is peace and an enemy is a friend. We have become accustomed to absurd acts adopted by various parliaments in recent times and under normal circumstances, we wouldn't even have paid attention to the Friendship Act—were it not for the fact that many actors attribute this legislation to your administration. That perception is further reinforced by the fact that your administration has not issued a single critical statement regarding the Act. As a result, this law diminishes the trust of the Georgian people not only in Congress, but—regrettably—in your administration as well, which the Georgian public had viewed with a different kind of hope.

Recent developments within Georgian society have given rise to a growing sense that the statements about defeating the Deep State are merely attempts at rebranding it—and nothing more. People find it perplexing that, while you harshly criticize President Biden's decisions, you have yet to reverse any of his criminal actions.

Nevertheless, in its public statements, our government continues to express optimism that your administration will indeed succeed in defeating the Deep State—a development that would undoubtedly lead to a reset in US-Georgia relations and the restoration of our strategic partnership. In fact, we are truly hopeful that this will be the case. Otherwise, the revolutionary scenario planned under the Biden administration will continue to unfold. Let us remind you that around 250 individuals—trained and funded by USAID and NED—still gather daily on the central avenue of our capital, which is undeniable evidence that the Deep State has not yet shelved its plans for revolution.

As already mentioned, despite the growing number of unanswered questions, we continue to remain optimistic and hopeful that your confrontation with the Deep State is sincere and will ultimately lead to its defeat. The Government of Georgia is patiently awaiting that moment—one that should lay the foundation for a reset in US-Georgia relations and the restoration of strategic partnership between our two countries.

We wish you success in this struggle!

And we wish the United States of America strength and prosperity!