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Dear Ms Lomjaria,

Thank you for your letter of 22 June, addressed to the President of the European Council, Charles Michel, regarding the EU membership status for Georgia.

On 24 June, the European Council adopted Council conclusions, expressing readiness to grant the status of candidate country to Georgia once the priorities specified in the Commission's opinion on Georgia's membership application will have been addressed. Let me stress that the European Council clearly recognised the European perspective of Georgia and reiterated that the future of the country and its citizens lies within the EU.

The EU remains committed to further deepening EU-Georgia relations. In this regard, progress in the implementation of key reform priorities and advancing the rule of law through cross-party cooperation will be crucial. Let me also stress the important role of your Office in this endeavour and express appreciation for your valuable work.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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