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*Open letter to the Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia David Usupashvili*

*Tbilisi, January 10, 2014*

*Your Excellency, Mr Usupashvili*

*We, the Baltic ambassadors to Georgia welcome the Amendments to the Georgia's Liberty Charter adopted by the Parliament of Georgia. Adoption of these amendments on the December 25<sup>th</sup> 2013 show again that the Baltic States and Georgia share common European values and understanding of our history. We strongly believe that in a state, which has chosen a democratic path, it is unacceptable to glorify Soviet or any other totalitarian regime. We are confident that nations, who for over half of the 20th century were imprisoned behind the Iron Curtain, who suffered from the crimes of Soviet totalitarianism, endured occupation and annexation, were deprived of freedom of choice and basic human rights, were tortured and killed commend this step taken by the Georgian Parliament. Accordingly, as official representatives of the Baltic States in Georgia, we fully support establishment of the special state commission at the Interior Ministry of Georgia, dedicated to gathering of information about existence of symbols, monuments, statues, inscriptions, names of streets or squares, reflecting or containing elements of communist or fascist ideology and propaganda. We are also ready to involve historians of the Baltic countries to help develop the new concept for the museum in Gori, as well as share our experience with Georgian historians and scientists.*

*Baltic countries have always supported Georgia's democratic transformation, and encouraged your country's pursuit of its European and Euro-Atlantic integration path while remaining firm on the necessity of peaceful restoration of territorial integrity of Georgia. Let us assure you that Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians greatly value the friendship we share with the Georgians. We look forward to continuously foster our special relationship while working together towards a prosperous future within our common European family of nations.*



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