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Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Garibashvili delivered a speech at the ceremonial of signing the association agreement



Today Georgia is making a great step toward free Europe! I would like to congratulate the whole Georgia on this day! -Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Garibashvili started his speech with these words at the ceremonial of signing the association agreement. He called the date of 27th of June the most significant and crucial day and noted that Georgia is ready to be the guarantee of peace and cooperation in the region. "Today a new date is being written down in the history of my homeland that creates hope in us and our descendents will be proud of it. Many generations sacrificed their thoughts and care to this day. My country has been waiting for this day for a long time. I am happy that our generation has the honor to realize our ancestors' dream," -Irakli Garibashvili stated.

According to him, Georgia is given a historical opportunity today to return to its regular environment - Europe, its political, economic, social and cultural space.

During his speech the head of the government of Georgia addressed Abkhazian and Ossetian brothers and suggested them the opportunity to be closer to Europe. "My compatriots, we are all the children of one country! From now you participate in this process with us! You are given a unique opportunity to use take advantage of all those privileges that is brought with being closer to Europe," - Prime Minister noted.

He also emphasized a new stage in cooperation between Georgia and EU and stated that with the association agreement Georgia is taking the responsibility to gradually introduction European political, economic, social and legal standards in the country.

Irakli Garibashvili sincerely congratulated Ukrainian and Moldavian people on signing the association

agreement with EU and wished them success.

"I think it is symbolic that all the three countries sign this most significant agreement on the same day which will make us closer not only to Europe but also support strengthening democracy and stability in the region," -Prime Minister of Georgia stated at the ceremonial of signing the association agreement. As the president of European Council Herman Van Rompuy explained, the ultimate goal of EU is making Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine full-fledged members and establishing them in European family. "EU supports you; you have our support, solidarity, recognition of territorial integrity. Strong ties will link our countries and will bring development to the whole European continent and encourage it," -Herman Van Rompuy stated.

The president of Euro commission Jose Manuel Barroso, in his turn, called 27th of June a historical day. "Today is the day of starting the strategic objective that these countries become politically and economically integrated with EU. Despite difficulties we are going to sign the agreement with Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia. It is of great importance not only for these countries which desire to consolidate the rule of law, reforms and open society, but also for the whole Europe", - Barroso noted.

Today on 27th of June, 2014 association agreement between Georgian and EU was signed in Brussels, including deep and comprehensive free trade area. From Georgian side the document was signed by the Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Gharibashvili, and from EU side - the president of Euro commission Jose Manuel Barroso and the president of European council Herman Van Rompuy. The agreement was also signed by the heads of 28 EU member countries.

The signature ceremonial was attended by the delegation of Georgia which consists of the ministry of foreign affairs Maia Panjikidze, state minister in European and Euro Atlantic integration Aleksi Petriashvili, the minister of economic and sustainable development Giorgi kvirikashvili and minister of justice Tea Tsulukiani and deputy chief of government administration Nino Kobakhidze.

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