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## Members of the South Caucasus Youth Parliament from Armenia and Georgia Receive Joint Resolution

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On 23-27 March 2011 first Gathering of the South Caucasus Youth Parliament took place in Tbilisi, Georgia. 40 members of youth parliament from Armenia and Georgia worked on the joint resolution. 6 journalists were attending the sitting, taking interviews from the members of youth parliament and publishing newspaper for the next morning. Minister of

Education of Armenia and Minister of Education of Georgia as well as heads of different departments of both ministries attended the opening part of the parliamentary gathering. **Minister Ashotyan** and **Minister Shashkin** greeted the members of the youth parliament and highlighted the importance of the project in rising civic awareness of the youth and setting prospects for their further involvement into the democratization process of both countries. Dr. Oliver Reisner welcomed the members of the youth parliament on behalf of the Delegation of European Union to Georgia.

Each member of the youth parliament came to the parliamentary gathering with own political agenda, thus the common interests were to be found and generated via debating and decision making process. As a result, four main committees were formed in the parliament. These committees are as follows:

- **Committee on Civil Society;**
- **Committee on European Integration;**
- **Committee on Unity for Peace;**
- **Committee on Ecology;**

Each committee worked out the joint resolution that would express the common approaches of the youth of the South Caucasus towards different problems of vital importance for the region and their possible solutions. Please find the full text of the joint resolution on:



Armenian and Georgian members of the youth parliament visited the Georgian Parliament in order to meet the Chairman of the Committee of European Integration, Mr. David Dar-chiashvili, learn about the role of the parliament, structure and institutions of the parliament, history of parliamentarism, role of the members of parliament and the way they represent peoples' interests, learn about checks and balances; The relation between Parliament and Government (opposition vs. ruling party); Relations between Parliament and Judiciary and etc.

**20 chairs envisaged for the Azerbaijani pupils that could not come to the gathering due to the Governmental decision were left empty.**

After the General Assembly elections of the candidates for the study visit to Brussels took place. After two rounds of voting process 5 pupils from each country were nominated by their country peers. 10 pupils from Armenia and Georgia will present the joint resolution in Brussels to high ranking EU officials in May 2011.

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