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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your letter of 9 June 2016 in which you underline your joint support for a positive decision on visa liberalisation for Georgia.

I think you will agree with me that during our discussion at the Foreign Affairs Council meeting on 20 June, there was a broad consensus that Georgia had fulfilled all benchmarks and that it deserved a positive decision as soon as possible. I think we all also recognise that the EU's own credibility in demanding and pushing for deep reaching reforms in our partner countries depends on us to be able to hold our side of the bargain.

It is now in the hands of the Presidency to continue the process of forging the broadest possible consensus to come to a decision. I do sincerely hope that we will reach that point soonest and I am personally as committed as you are to contribute to a positive outcome.

I look forward to meeting you soon in both bilateral meetings and multilateral fora.

Yours sincerely,

Federica Mogherini