

Her Excellency

Katerina Sakellaropoulou

President of the Hellenic Republic

Tbilisi, 25 March 2021

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Georgian people and my own, I have the honor to extend to You my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the Independence of the Hellenic Republic.

The ties between Georgians and Greeks are so old and unimaginably deep that their origin is lost in mythology. It is rare to find any other two countries in the world whose spiritual connection is as strong as between Georgia and Greece: our people stood side by side at the beginning of world civilization and became Christians at the same time. We are united by a vast heritage – common Hellenistic and Christian world – in the form of Greek poleis in Georgia and Georgian monasteries in Greece.

Nowadays, in this turbulent world, as never before, it is important for humanity to adhere to the values that originated in our common past and currently are referred to as universal cultural values.

Today, the friendship between our countries continues uninterruptedly. On this historic day, I avail myself of this opportunity and express my gratitude for Your unwavering support of Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity. We greatly value Greece backing Georgia on its path towards integration in European and Euro-Atlantic structures.

Georgia successfully continues its course to join a large European family. In the European Union, we consider Greece as an ancient relative that will welcome Georgia's return to its historic European family with dignity.

I remain confident that the long-standing relations between Georgia and the Hellenic Republic, based on friendship, solidarity, and mutual respect, will continue to advance and deepen in the future. I believe that together we will contribute to strengthening peace and stability in the European family.

Madam President, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration along with the wishes for peace, health, and prosperity to the friendly Greek people.

Sincerely,

Salome Zourabichvili