



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Developments in Georgia

As delivered by Deputy Chief of Mission Paul W. Jones
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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

We also welcome the news that the recent meetings in Moscow of the Joint Consultative Commission have contributed to ongoing efforts for peacefully resolve tensions over South Ossetia.

We continue to strongly urge all interested parties to refrain from any provocative or violent actions, including destabilizing deployments of military equipment to the area, and to utilize discussion and negotiation over other forms of engagement.

The United States believes it is imperative that a solution to the dispute between Georgian authorities and South Ossetia leaders be found which enhances both sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.