



External Discussion Forum

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Aware of the necessity for a peaceful resolution of the conflicts surrounding the separatist enclaves of Abkhazia and South Ossetia,

Believing that a comprehensive approach including all interested parties is a necessary precondition for a peaceful resolution of the conflicts,

Reaffirming Georgia's right to territorial integrity and sovereignty,

Emphasizing the commitment of all interested parties to international law,

Noting with appreciation

- UN's precious work to mediate and settle the conflict in Abkhazia
- OSCE's successful promotion of cooperation in conflict resolution and engagement for democratic institution building and human rights in South Ossetia.
- NATO's involvement in conflict management through security cooperation with the Georgian state and international organizations (CIS, CoE, EU, UN)

1. *Emphasizes* the need for further engagement, involvement and cooperation of international organizations in the process of the peaceful resolution of the conflicts;

2. *Expresses* its conviction that Peacekeeping Forces in the separatist territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia under UN-Mandate are a necessary precondition for the peaceful resolution of the conflicts;

3. *Calls for* the promotion of intercultural activities within the conflict regions in order to rebuild the bonds of trust between the communities through civil exchange programs, human rights education programs, democratic institution building and installation and support of the free press;

4. *Encourages* therefore the international donor community to install a Reconstruction Support Fund (RSF) for the conflict regions administered by a joint commission composed of the World Bank, IMF, EBRD, the Georgian State and Civil Society Representatives of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, the Russian Federation acting as observer;

- i) Any state wishing to give financial support for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the conflict regions should proceed through the previously mentioned Reconstruction Support Fund;

5. *Requests* the implementation of rehabilitation and reconstruction programs in order to

- facilitate the return of the refugees and IDPs through measures of restitution and compensation
- finance investment in the infrastructure for sustainable economic development
- fund reforms of the educational systems
- promote the development of civil society through strategic programs;

6. *Recommends* the extension of OSCE's engagement in order to help to ensure the security at the Georgian borders and to improve the efficiency of its custom's regime, thereby countering the threat of illicit trafficking;

7. *Urges* the need to continue the OSCE border monitoring mission at the borders between Georgia and the Russian Federation subjects Chechnya, Dagestan and Ingushetia in order to prevent spill-over and to report on terrorist activities.