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The Security Council,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions including resolution 1752 of 13 April 2007 (S/RES/1752),

Welcoming the reports of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia of 18 July 2007 (S/2007/439) and 4 October 2007 (S/2007/588),

Noting with serious concern all recent armed incidents that have afflicted the conflict resolution process in Georgia, deploring in particular those in which lives were lost, and reiterating the importance of maintaining the separation of forces and the preservation of the ceasefire,

Supporting the sustained efforts of the Secretary-General and of his Special Representative with the assistance of the Group of Friends of the Secretary-General as well as the Russian Federation in its capacity as facilitator and of the OSCE, *underlining* the increased importance of the meetings in the Geneva format as the forum for meaningful political dialogue,

Stressing the importance of close and effective cooperation between UNOMIG and the CIS peacekeeping force as they currently play an important stabilizing role in the conflict zone, and *recalling* that a lasting and comprehensive settlement of the conflict will require appropriate security guarantees,

Stressing that economic development is urgently required in Abkhazia, Georgia, to improve the livelihoods of the communities affected by the conflict, in particular refugees and internally displaced persons,

Regretting the continued lack of trust between the two sides, and *underlining* the importance of constructive goodwill and respect for each other's concerns,

1. *Reaffirms* the commitment of all Member States to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognized borders, and supports all efforts by the United Nations and the Group of Friends of the Secretary-General, which are guided by their determination to promote a settlement of the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict only by peaceful means and within the framework of the Security Council resolutions;



2. *Reaffirms* its strong support for UNOMIG, *calls upon* the parties to cooperate fully with the mission, *deems* it necessary to strengthen the mission's observation capacity as recommended by UNOMIG in the "Joint Fact-Finding Group Report on The Rocket Firing Incident in the upper Kodori valley on 11 March 2007" as well as in the Secretary-General's Report S/2007/588 of 4 October 2007, and *requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore options for the implementation of those recommendations and to inform the Council on progress;

3. *Calls on* the Georgian side to ensure that the situation in the upper Kodori valley is in line with the Moscow agreement on ceasefire and separation of forces of 14 May 1994; and *calls on* the Abkhaz side to exercise restraint in connection with the Georgian commitments with regard to the Kodori valley;

4. *Expresses* its serious concern with the ongoing numerous violations of the ceasefire and separation of forces regime in the Zone of Conflict;

5. *Expresses* serious concern over the incidents that have taken place within and outside the Zone of Conflict as observed by UNOMIG and reflected in the reports of the Secretary-General of 18 July and 4 October 2007, including those on 11 March 2007 and 20 September 2007;

6. *Strongly urges* all parties to consider and address seriously each other's legitimate security concerns, to refrain from any acts of violence or provocation, including political action or rhetoric, and to comply fully with previous agreements regarding ceasefire and non-use of violence;

7. *Calls on* both sides to finalize without delay the document on the non-use of violence; and *calls on* both sides to finalize without delay the document on the return of refugees and internally displaced persons;

8. *Urges* the continued active engagement of both sides within the Joint Fact-Finding Group and, in this context, *expressing* its support for the "Joint Fact-Finding Group Report on The Rocket Firing Incident in the upper Kodori valley on 11 March 2007", and *endorses* the recommendations made by UNOMIG in the report;

9. *Welcomes* the commitment given by both sides during the meeting chaired by the United Nations in Bonn on 27 and 28 June 2007 to resume regular consultations within the Quadripartite meetings, and *urges* both sides to finally fulfil this commitment;

10. *Calls upon* the parties to further increase their bilateral contacts by making full use of all existing mechanisms as described in the relevant Security Council resolutions in order to come to a peaceful settlement, including the safe and dignified return of refugees and internally displaced persons;

11. *Renews* its support for confidence-building measures proposed by the Group of Friends of the Secretary-General and endorsed through resolution 1752 of 13 April 2007, and, in the conviction that they will serve the development of broader and unbiased contacts between the communities of the divided country, *urges* the Georgian and Abkhaz sides to implement these measures without conditions;

12. *Recalls*, with a view to achieving a lasting and comprehensive settlement, its support for the principles contained in the "Paper on Basic Principles for the

Distribution of Competencies between Tbilisi and Sukhumi”, and *welcomes* additional ideas that the sides would be willing to offer with a view to conducting creatively and constructively a political dialogue under the aegis of the United Nations;

13. *Welcomes* the deployment of UNOMIG police in Gali and the cooperation of the Abkhaz side, and *calls* for a further deepening of this cooperation;

14. *Stresses anew* the urgent need to alleviate the plight of refugees and internally displaced persons and the need for a perspective of life in security and dignity in particular for a new generation growing up outside Abkhazia, Georgia;

15. *Reiterates and reaffirms* as fundamentally important the right of return for all the refugees and the internally displaced persons to Abkhazia, Georgia, *reaffirms* the importance of such people’s return to their homes and property and that individual property rights have not been affected by the fact that owners had to flee during the conflict and that the residency rights and the identity of those owners will be respected, and *calls on* both sides to implement the UNHCR’s *Strategic Directions* for their return in the first instance to the Gali region;

16. *Welcomes* existing and *encourages* further contacts between representatives of civil society, and *appeals* to both sides to promote without reservation the active engagement of citizens and officials in such contacts;

17. *Underlines* that it is the primary responsibility of both sides to provide appropriate security and to ensure the freedom of movement throughout the zone of conflict of UNOMIG, the CIS peacekeeping force and other international personnel and *calls on* both sides to fulfil their obligations in this regard and to extend full cooperation to UNOMIG and the CIS peacekeeping force;

18. *Welcomes* the efforts being undertaken by UNOMIG to implement the Secretary-General’s zero tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and to ensure full compliance of its personnel with the United Nations code of conduct, *requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take all necessary action in this regard and to keep the Security Council informed, and *urges* troop-contributing countries to take appropriate preventive action including the conduct of predeployment awareness training, and to take disciplinary action and other action to ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel;

19. *Decides* to extend the mandate of UNOMIG for a new period terminating on 15 April 2008;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make use of this mandate in order to support the parties in implementing measures to build confidence and to establish an intensive and meaningful dialogue, with a view to achieve a lasting and comprehensive settlement, including the facilitation of a meeting at the highest level, and to inform the Council in his next report on the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia, on progress made in this respect;

21. *Strongly supports* the efforts of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and *calls on* the Group of Friends of the Secretary-General to continue giving him their steadfast and unified support;

22. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.