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Statement on May 18 Incident in the South Ossetia Region of Georgia

As delivered by Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Carol Fuller
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States is concerned by reports of a violent incident May 18 along the administrative boundary line with the South Ossetia region of Georgia. We urge all parties to exercise restraint in the wake of the incident, to share fully all details with the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM), and to participate as soon as possible in an ad hoc meeting of the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism. This incident highlights the ongoing need for EUMM access to both sides of the administrative boundary line.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.