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**Joint Statement by Delegation of Canada to the OSCE and
Swiss Delegation to the OSCE
on the Russian-Georgian Declaration on Base Closure
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I take the floor on behalf of Canada and Switzerland in joining others around the table in welcoming the declaration made this week by Georgia and the Russian Federation on completing the withdrawal of Russian military bases from Georgian territory by 2008.

We look forward to the full and timely implementation of this declaration.