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Statement on the latest events in Georgia

As for delivery by Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko to the Permanent Council

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Mr. Chairman,

On November 8, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine issued a statement on the latest events in Georgia. It reads as follows:

"It is not with indifference that we, in Ukraine, follow the most recent developments in Georgia.

We proceed from the understanding that all actions by the sides have to be undertaken within the constitutional framework and with respect to democratic norms and standards.

We call for restraint and to avoid any steps that provoke escalation of tensions.

Only promotion of a constructive dialogue, which involves all sides, should become a key to improving the situation and to guaranteeing stability and order in the country.

The events in Georgia are, undoubtedly, an internal matter of that country. Still, Ukraine confirms the readiness to provide, should it be deemed necessary, every possible assistance at this difficult moment for the Georgian democracy.

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Arseniy Yatsenyuk has urgently dispatched his Special Representative, Deputy Minister Kostyantyn Yeliseyev, to Georgia."

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.