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**Identical letters dated 9 September 2019 from the Permanent
Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on the recent developments at the occupation line, dated 6 September 2019 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kaha **Imnadze**
Permanent Representative



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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the recent developments at the occupation line

6 September 2019

Amid the recent illegal and provocative activities across the occupation line, including the erection of artificial barriers, detention of Georgian civilians and mobilisation of military equipment and personnel by the occupation forces coupled with groundless accusations and ultimatums issued to the Government of Georgia – the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its particular concern over the fact that the occupation forces occupied the hilltop in the vicinity of the village of Chorchana, installed a so-called “border” sign and stepped up works for deploying a so-called checkpoint there.

These are deliberate actions that together form a chain of processes, one of the aims of which is to push us into starting so-called demarcation-delimitation procedures. But this is a futile attempt and unacceptable to the Georgian authorities. The internal administrative border does not require any demarcation.

Also alarming is the occupation regime’s closure of the occupation line in Tskhinvali, which grossly violates fundamental human rights, including the right to free movement, puts the population of the Tskhinvali region of Georgia in complete isolation and exacerbates the already difficult humanitarian situation on the ground.

Such steps only cause further destabilization of the situation and undermine the peaceful efforts of the Georgian government, as well as of the international community.

The Co-chairmen of the Geneva International Discussions and the EU Monitoring Mission are duly informed about the developments mentioned above.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls on the occupation regime to cease its illegal activities that are aimed at destabilizing the situation and restricting the fundamental rights of the conflict-affected population and, rather than undertaking provocative actions, to ensure constructive participation whether in the Geneva International Discussions or in the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanisms.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia also calls on the Russian Federation to respect its international commitments, implement the ceasefire agreement of 12 August 2008, take effective measures to de-escalate the situation and contribute, through result-oriented participation, to addressing the security and humanitarian challenges facing the Geneva International Discussions.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia appeals to the international community to give due reaction to the occupation regime’s illegal and destructive steps and take effective measures to prevent them from continuing.
