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DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE STATEMENT ON RECENT EVENTS IN GEORGIA 687TH MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL 8 NOVEMBER 2007

Canada, like others, has been following recent events in Georgia with great concern. It is our strong desire to see all involved in these incidents exhibit restraint in their actions.

We note that it is the democratic right of all people to gather and demonstrate in a peaceful manner, and we urge the government of Georgia to respect these fundamental freedoms.

We emphasize that Georgians should seek a compromise solution within the framework of their domestic democratic institutions, free of any external interference, and we call on all international actors to adopt consistent courses of action. We have taken careful note of the announcement just made by the Georgian Ambassador, concerning elections to be held.