



EMBASSY OF GEORGIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA  
PERMANENT MISSION OF GEORGIA TO THE OSCE AND OTHER  
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**S T A T E M E N T**

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Mr. Chairman,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me extend warmest greetings to H.E. Edward Nalbandian, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia. Georgia enjoys close partnership with Armenia in all spheres of bilateral interest. Georgia believes that strengthening good neighborly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation with Armenia is in the national interest of both countries, and contributes to the political and economic development of the two states.

Both countries should reap the benefits from the realization of joint economic, energy and transportation projects. According to the estimates of the year 2010 trade turnover between the two countries increased by 65% in comparison to the same period of the previous year. Georgia and Armenia actively cooperate within the BSEC. Georgia supports Armenia's participation in the European Neighborhood Policy and welcomes its stronger cooperation with NATO.

Excellencies,

The Government of Georgia traditionally maintains close political, economic and social ties with all its neighbors in the South Caucasus. Georgia

supports fruitful and mutually beneficial cooperation with all partners. Georgia believes that all conflicts in our region should be resolved timely and in a peaceful manner as they represent the main impediments for the stability in the South Caucasus.

We sincerely hope that historical traditions of peaceful coexistence, tolerance and cooperation will prevail thus paving way for peace and prosperity in our region.

Thank You.