



**Delegation of Ukraine  
to the OSCE**

PC.DEL/332/08  
24 April 2008

ENGLISH only

### **Statement on the recent events in Georgia**

As prepared for delivery by Deputy Permanent Representative of Ukraine Oleh Herasymenko  
24 April 2008

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of Azerbaijan and Ukraine. We express serious concern over the situation that has just been referred to in the statement of the Permanent Representative of Georgia.

We strongly condemn any use of force in the conflict zones in breach of international law. We firmly believe that the protracted conflicts in the OSCE area have to be resolved peacefully, on the basis of sovereignty and territorial integrity of states. Violence and aggression are contrary to the principles of security and cooperation, as they are against the commitments on which peace and stability in Europe are based.

We reaffirm our support for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and express our firm belief that the settlement of conflicts in Georgia should be found exclusively in the framework of the negotiation process, within the internationally recognized borders of Georgia. We call upon the sides to exercise restraint and allow a prompt and thorough independent investigation of the air incident which took place on 20 April in the Georgian airspace.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.