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**S T A T E M E N T**

*In response to the address by the Representative on  
Freedom of the Media, Miklos Haraszti  
Vienna 2 July, 2009*

Mr. Chairperson,

We would like to welcome Mr. Haraszti at the Permanent Council session and thank him for his interesting and comprehensive report. We are also grateful and for his fruitful co-operation with the Georgian side, in general, and in particular, his today's comments concerning the media freedom in Georgia.

We take a due note of all your comments, Mr. Representative on freedom of the Media and would like to ensure you that we will continue to promptly respond to your future requests.

Georgia reemphasizes its strong belief that the freedom of media is one of the main preconditions to the democratic development of any country. Therefore, we express our full support to the activities of Mr. Haraszti and commit ourselves to further co-ordination and extensive communication with the office of the Representative on freedom of the Media.