



**Georgian delegation's response to the NGO "Sandidzan" and  
"Ossetia Accuses"**

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- Thank you Madame Moderator,
- In exercising my right of reply, I would like to briefly respond to few point made by the NGO "Sandidzan" and "Ossetia Accuses" representatives.
- The remarks of the NGO "Sandidzan" do not really belong to today's topic of discussion. They clearly belong to the yesterday's session on Fundamental Freedoms, where we made our statement on the issue.
- Also, it is rather ironic that Georgia is being accused of obstructing to the work of international organizations in Georgia's occupied regions. We simply reject these claims. To the contrary, Georgia has been for years advocating and calling upon, primarily the Russian Federation to allow international organizations, including the OSCE and its institutions into the occupied territories.
- Their access would allow the monitoring of the situation on the ground. However, precisely due to Russia's unconstructive position, the international organizations and monitoring missions, first and foremost the EUMM is not allowed access into Georgia's regions, despite their very clear mandate to do so.
- In the end, I would like to inform the distinguished delegations that the Georgia's side-event dedicated to the Human Rights situation in the Occupied Territories of Georgia will be held today at 6:30 pm, instead of 6 pm in room 3.
- Thank you.