



**EMBASSY OF GEORGIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA**  
**PERMANENT MISSION OF GEORGIA TO THE OSCE AND OTHER**  
**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA**

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

*Of the Delegation of Georgia at the 759<sup>th</sup> Permanent Council*

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Madam Chairperson,

Although I was not informed about the intention of the Russian Delegation to make a statement, I would like to make a remark. At the same time, I reserve a right to come back to this issue in a more formal way.

Russia's political establishment continues to be in a hostage of circumstances which are being orchestrated by so called "siloviks" headed by Mr. Putin, who still regards a break-up of the Soviet Union as a greatest catastrophe of 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Russia remains in substantial breach of the 12 August Cease-fire Agreement. It has not withdrawn its troops to the positions prior to the August war, continues its military buildup and further increases its military presence on the occupied territories in Georgia. As we all heard this morning, today Russia's president has committed another illegal act of breaching the international law and his internationally undertaken commitments.

Thank you.