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The Permanent Mission of Georgia to the OSCE presents its compliments to the Delegations of the Member States to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and has the honour to distribute the enclosed Statement of Georgia on behalf of the GUUAM Group of States at the Session 4 of the OSCE Conference on Globalisation, July 4 2003.

The Permanent Mission of Georgia to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Delegations of the Member States to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 4 July 2003



To:
All Delegations to the OSCE
The Conflict Prevention Centre
VIENNA



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PERMANENT MISSION OF GEORGIA TO OSCE AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN VIENNA

**Statement of Georgia on behalf of the GUUAM Group of States
at the Session 4 of the OSCE Conference on Globalisation, July 4 2003**

Mr. Chairman, Speaking on behalf of the GUUAM Group, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, I would like to warmly greet the participants of the Conference on Globalisation and express our appreciation to the organisers of this important forum.

The GUUAM Group attaches great importance to regional cooperation and views it as a significant tool to overcome economic difficulties of the transitional period and to create effective economies, which is a significant factor for providing political stability, building democratic society and enhancing prosperity of their nations, especially in the context of today's processes of globalisation.

I would like to inform my distinguished colleagues, that today is the second working day of the GUUAM Summit in Yalta, where the Presidents, Heads of Governments and other Senior officials of the member states of our Group will address a number of burning issues of the regional cooperation of our countries. Among the documents that should be signed during the summit are:

- Agreement on the creation of the GUUAM virtual center for fighting terrorism, organised crime, trafficking of drugs and other dangerous crime;
- Memorandum on the mutual understanding of the GUUAM member states on assistance in trade and transportation;
- Agreement between the Governments of the GUUAM member states on cooperation in crisis management and disaster relief operations;
- Agreement on cooperation of the GUUAM member states in the field of education, customs and border control and others.

It is our understanding that fostering of economic links and trade facilitation among OSCE countries will contribute to achieving our common goal. In this regard we consider as a timely and important the proposal to hold an OSCE conference on regional economic cooperation. We hope that this initiative will be supported by the delegations.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, let me once again wish the participants of the Conference a successful outcome of our work. On our part, we are open for cooperation with all interested countries, being confident that only with joint efforts we will be able to accomplish and meet the challenges in the years to come.