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

**of the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the OSCE  
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Madam Chairperson,

I would also like to warmly welcome Minister Vygaudas Usackas at the Permanent Council meeting.

Georgia commends Lithuania's efforts in regional, as well as in global arena for promoting co-operation in various important fields.

Fall of the Berlin wall was truly a historic moment that opened a new window of opportunities for the whole European continent. Many of those opportunities have duly been explored. Yet, today we need to further look for the ways to strengthen peace and security, energy co-operation, trade and investments, people-to-people contacts, promote new trans-Atlantic and European integration processes, as well as to build mutually beneficial bridges between the different International Organizations.

Relentless coordinated efforts are needed to ensure that no new "Berlin Walls" are erected and dividing lines are drawn. I am confident that sooner or later, the civilized world will help to ensure the end of the occupation in Georgia. For that, as you have fairly mentioned, Mr. Minister, the instruments of the comprehensive, cross-dimensional and co-operative security should further be strengthened at regional and sub-regional levels, through defending and respecting the OSCE values and commitments we all have pledged to, demonstrating our constant engagement and political will.

Georgia believes in the OSCE and especially in its potential in tackling the most pressing issues in its area. The Corfu process on comprehensive security in Europe is indeed a welcome development in view of its practical implications for increasing the OSCE's effectiveness, as well.

Let me, once again, welcome you, Your Excellency and wish you all success in your future endeavors.

Thank you Mme Chair