



**Delegation of
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**Statement
on behalf of the members of the Organization for Democracy and Economic
Development - GUAM**

As for delivery by Ambassador Volodymyr Yel'chenko
to the Permanent Council, 14 September 2006

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the members of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM.

GUAM countries warmly welcome NATO's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe General James L. Jones to the OSCE Permanent Council.

GUAM countries attach great significance to further development of fruitful cooperation between NATO and the OSCE in promoting security and stability in the OSCE area. We positively assess constructive interaction between the two organizations in the spheres in which they perform complementary and mutually reinforcing functions, such as conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict reconstruction. The significance of such cooperation was best exemplified by complementary missions undertaken by both organisations in the Balkans.

Members of GUAM are increasingly interested in developing long-standing and mutually beneficial cooperation with NATO. GUAM countries actively cooperate with NATO in international peace-support operations and have developed practical cooperation in a wide range of other areas. Intense political consultations between NATO and each GUAM state, including through Individual Partnership Actions Plans (IPAP) and, in particular cases, through the Intensified Dialogue, clearly reflect aspirations of GUAM countries for moving closer to the Euro-Atlantic system of values.

The course towards the European and Euro-Atlantic integration remains a strategic goal of Ukraine's development. With the ambitions of joining NATO Ukraine associates its prosperous and democratic future and increased security and stability across the region. Ukraine looks forward to enforcing positive dynamics of the current Ukraine-NATO cooperation towards achieving the goal of full-fledged NATO membership. To this end, as we speak now, the Prime Minister of Ukraine is holding high-level political consultations in the framework of NATO-Ukraine Commission in Brussels to discuss further development of Ukraine-NATO relations.

Georgia like the other GUAM countries enjoys special relations with NATO. Georgia is a pilot country, implementing Individual Partnership Action Plan and has achieved significant progress in fulfilling its IPAP obligations.

Georgia is being transformed from the security consumer to security provider and is committed to engage in the new stage of its Euro-Atlantic integration process.

Azerbaijan actively engages in the Euro-Atlantic Partnership process and fully supports all efforts aimed at enhancing and giving more operational nature to it. Azerbaijan, considering EAPC/PfP (Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council/ Partnership for Peace) cooperation as one of the key building blocks of the European security architecture aspires to integrational partnership and enhanced bilateral dialogue with the Alliance. It is the unique character and advantage of the Euro-Atlantic Partnership that allows for both political consultations and the development of interoperability and capabilities to engage in joint actions against threats and challenges to the security in the twenty first century.

Moldova, with due respect to its constitutional status of a neutral country, is fully committed to the values shared by NATO and partner countries within the PfP. To this end, Moldova seeks to tighten its relations with the Alliance through an IPAP (Individual Partnership Action Plan), recently adopted by both parties. The needed institutional framework for the implementation of the Individual Plan is already in place.

The members of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM stand ready to contribute to developing effective OSCE-NATO partnership, which would build on the best use of both organizations' capabilities and resources for the purpose of achieving common goals of security, stability, democracy and prosperity in the OSCE area and beyond.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.