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## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

## Response to the Address by the Co-Chairs of the Geneva International Discussions on the Conflict in Georgia

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Katherine Brucker to the Permanent Council, Vienna September 25, 2025

Ambassador Späti, Senior Advisor Mamo, and Special Representative Grono welcome to the Permanent Council, and thank you for your comprehensive reports.

The United States stands with the Georgian people and reaffirms its unwavering support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity. In this context it is ready to support constructive engagement via the Geneva International Discussions.

In Georgia, Russia continues to harden the administrative boundary lines and occupy Abkhazia and South Ossetia rather than implement the Six-Point Agreement. These regions are integral parts of Georgia, and Russia has obligations to respect Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.

We continue to call on Russia to withdraw its forces from these occupied regions to preconflict positions in fulfillment of its obligation under the 2008 ceasefire.

The GID preserves space for a peaceful settlement of this conflict. We share your concern about ongoing detentions and call for the unconditional release of all those in arbitrary detention and the full re-opening of crossing points.

While we welcome the 126th Ergneti Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism – or IPRM – held on July 21 and co-facilitated by Ambassador Späti and the EU Monitoring Mission, we insist on the resumption of the Gali IPRM without preconditions. Both are necessary to discuss the security situation and challenges faced by the conflict-affected population. We call for full and unrestricted access for humanitarian organizations to the Russia-occupied, Georgian regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

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