



**Statement by the Delegation of Georgia
at the 1489th OSCE Permanent Council Meeting
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On Russia's destructive actions towards EUMM in Georgia

Madame Chair,

It is concerning that the EUMM has been a direct target of the Russian Federation and its occupation regimes throughout the mission's deployment in Georgia.

In addition to Russia blocking the EUMM's access in occupied regions, preventing it from fully implementing its mandate, Russia has openly threatened EUMM monitors with force to undermine and intimidate the only international monitoring mission deployed on the ground to monitor the implementation of the EU-mediated 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement.

A recent incident, in which Russian forces detained EUMM monitors, is not an isolated case. Unfortunately, we have seen similar illegal detentions of EUMM monitors back in 2019, and the firing of warning shots by Russian occupation forces towards EUMM observers in the village of Mejvriskhevi last year.

These unprecedented actions clearly demonstrate Russia's intent to continuously obstruct the EUMM's mandate and the safety of international monitors which is the part of Russia's aggressive policy such as maintaining Georgian Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions under its occupation, keeping illegal military bases therein and intensifying militarization, coupled with violation of Georgia's air and maritime spaces, building barbed wire fences and other illegal installations along the occupation line, constant violation of human rights on the ground.

These provocative actions not only violate established international norms, including the EU-mediated 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement, but also undermine the final comprehensive settlement of Russia-Georgia conflict and efforts to ensure peace and stability in the region.