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OF TURKEY TO THE OSCE***

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**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR YUSUF BULUÇ,
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RUSSIAN-GEORGIAN JOINT DECLARATION ON WITHDRAWAL
OF THE RUSSIAN MILITARY BASES FROM GEORGIA
(PERMANENT COUNCIL, 2 JUNE 2005)**

Having aligned ourselves with the EU Statement in welcoming the Joint Declaration of the Foreign Ministers of the Russian Federation and Georgia on the withdrawal of the Russian military bases from Georgia, we would like to express our expectation that the withdrawal of these bases and of the associated armaments and equipment will be carried out with due regard to the interests of the countries concerned so as to promote and reinforce regional security and stability as well as in full conformity with the spirit and the implementing principles of the CFE Treaty. Furthermore, given the level of maturity we have reached in the implementation of the Treaty and encouraged by the agreement on international monitoring that will apply to the Gudauta military base, it must be seen as highly desirable that the process of withdrawal is conducted under conditions of greater transparency.