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Regarding the presidential elections in Georgia

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the presidential elections held in Georgia, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Mr. Sergey Lavrov, made the following statement:

“According to the information received, the elections were free and fair. No one disputes the results. We congratulate the Georgian people on this occasion. We wish the Georgian people success in quickly dealing with all the organizational matters involved in the formation of a new government. We hope that Tbilisi will pursue a friendly and good-neighbourly policy with respect to Russia, taking into account the present-day realities in this difficult region.”

Thank you for your attention.