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STATEMENT

We express our deep concerns related to the issue of wire fences alongside the division line with the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia which were installed inside Georgia controlled territory. Besides the violation of internationally recognized administrative border, occupation forces create real threat for human security of population in the villages located alongside the ABL and illegally occupy their land plots, creating problems for their security and livelihoods. In particular, in village Dvani, this wire line affects women, children and other people coming to collect water from the water source. Such actions undermine trust and confidence, create atmosphere of fear and contributes to increasing of tension in the zone of conflict.

We expect that the Government of Georgia will respond to such violation by effective and adequate actions and ensure the protection of right for free movement, as well as socio-economic, civil and cultural rights of population of Shida Kartli already affected by conflicts.

We call on the NGOs, civil society representatives from all sides of the conflicts, population living on both sides of ABL - to put their efforts for solving the problem in a peaceful way and to start urgent intercommunity dialogue on the issues of peaceful coexistence and human security which should be central in the activities of civil society.

We apply to international organizations and diplomatic corps, working in Georgia, EU monitoring mission, international facilitators of Geneva Talks – to report to their headquarters, UN, EU, CoE, OSCE on the violation of “6-point agreement” of August 2008 and additional threats created for human security of population, and support the measures for effective protection of conflict affected population and peace dialogue.

The signatory organizations (the members of the Georgian National Platform):

1. IDP Association "Consent"
2. Repatriates' Union
3. Human Rights Centre
4. Association "Green Alternative"
5. Association for the Farmers' Rights Defence
6. International Center on Conflict and Negotiation
7. Energy Efficiency Foundation
8. International Center of Geopolitical research
9. Local Democracy Agency
10. Women Enterprise" Fund
11. International Foundation "LEA"
12. International Centre for Advancement of Research, Technology & Innovation
13. Union "Article 42 of the Constitution"
14. Youth center - Georgia
15. Women's Initiatives supporting Group
16. Georgian Civil Development Association
17. Cultural-Humanitarian Fund "Sukhumi"
18. Liberal Academy Tbilisi
19. Caucasian House Georgia
20. Caucasian Mosaic
21. International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy
22. Georgian Association of Regional Broadcasters
23. Public Advocacy
24. Youth for Justice - Georgia
25. Samtskhe-Javakheti Regional Association "Toleranti"
26. Georgian Trade Union Confederation
27. Open Society Georgia Foundation
28. Economic Policy Research Center
29. Student-Youth Council
30. Association "MERKURI"
31. Association "Women in Business"
32. Youth Alternative
33. Peaceful and Business Caucasus
34. Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia
35. Studio "Re"
36. Teachers' Union "Education and Universe"
37. Institute for the study of nationalism and conflict
38. Civil Society Institute
39. Association "Atinati"
40. Caucasian Institute for Economic and Social Research

41. The Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development
42. Caucasus Environmental NGO Network
43. The Greens Movement of Georgia
44. Foundation "Multi- Ethnic Resource Centre on Civic Education Development"
45. Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
46. Caucasian University Women
47. Association "Elkana"
48. Transparency International Georgia
49. World Experience for Georgia
50. Union "Borjghali"
51. Georgian Young Lawyers' Association
52. Association European Studies for Innovative Development of Georgia
53. Coalition for Independent Living
54. International Press Institute - Georgian national committee
55. Foundation "Caucasus Environment"
56. Community Foundation "Genius Loci"
57. Union "Ecotech"
58. Institute of Democracy
59. Psychea
60. International Organization of Human Rights protection and Prisoners social welfare

Non-member organizations:

61. IDP Journalists for Human Rights
62. "Samegrelo – Medea"
63. "Saunje"