



**PERMANENT DELEGATION
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

Norway on Georgia

As delivered by Ambassador Guttorm Vik
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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As mentioned by the distinguished ambassador of Slovenia, Norway was affiliated with the declaration of the EU Presidency that he read out, which also to a large extent coincided with the views I expressed in the Permanent Council meeting of last week.

Referring to the latest, very preoccupying turn of events, I would also like to echo the serious concerns expressed in the last part of the EU statement, as well as by subsequent speakers, and join in their appeals to refrain from all actions that could lead to a deterioration of the situation in the area, and which might threaten Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity. We would also join the appeals of previous speakers to take all appropriate measures to establish what really has happened.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.