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STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL ON GEORGIA'S REQUEST
FOR URGENT MEETING TO CONSIDER DISPUTE WITH ABKHAZIA

The following statement was issued yesterday, 6 October, by the President of the Security Council, Jean-Bernard Merimee (France):

The Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia approached me today to request that the Security Council should hold an urgent meeting to consider the situation arising from the dispute between that country and Abkhazia. He expressed the wish, in particular, that a representative of the Secretary-General and between 10 and 15 observers should be sent to the area without delay.

After hearing the Secretary-General, who promised to transmit a written report to them as soon as possible, the members of the Council indicated their grave concern at the recent deterioration of the situation in Georgia and expressed the wish that the parties should respect the agreement which they signed on 3 September at Moscow with a view to a peaceful settlement of their dispute.

Upon receipt of the Secretary-General's report, the Council members will consider the various measures that might be taken in order to help the parties to advance in that direction.

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