



PERMANENT DELEGATION OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE

STATEMENT ON THE SO-CALLED AGREEMENT ON ALLIANCE AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN RUSSIA AND GEORGIAN BREAKAWAY REGION OF ABKHAZIA

As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile
to the Permanent Council 27 November 2014

Mr Chairman,

I appreciate the statement made by First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Mr. David Dondua.

Let me draw the attention of the Permanent Council to a press statement issued Wednesday this week by Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs Børge Brende, where he said that:

“I regret the so-called agreement on alliance and strategic partnership entered into between Russia and the Georgian breakaway region of Abkhazia. Norway will maintain its support for Georgia’s sovereignty and territorial integrity”.

He furthermore underlined that “The agreement is in breach of principles of international law. It violates Georgia’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, and it will make it even harder to resolve the conflict over Georgia’s breakaway regions.”

In the same statement, the Foreign Minister again urged Russia to comply with the ceasefire agreement of 12 August 2008, and the supplementary provisions agreed on 8 September 2008, and said that “Russia must renounce its recognition of the Georgian breakaway regions as independent states and withdraw its military forces from Georgia.”

Thank you, Mr Chairman.