



**PERMANENT DELEGATION
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

STATEMENT ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GEORGIA

As delivered by counsellor Hilde Austad
to the Permanent Council,
Vienna, 16 July 2015

Mr Chairman,

In a comment published today, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed concern over reports on the moving of demarcation signposts along the administrative boundary line of Georgia's breakaway region of South Ossetia.

An attempt by the Russia-backed separatists to extend control over more territory would be an additional violation of Georgia's territorial integrity. This is unacceptable.

We again call on Russia to fulfil all its obligations under the ceasefire agreement of 12 August 2008 and its subsequent implementing measures. Norway firmly supports Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Thank you, Mr Chairman