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THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement of the Government of the Russian Federation of 14 May 1994 concerning the agreement on a cease-fire and separation of forces signed on the same date in Moscow by the Georgian and Abkhaz parties (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Y. VORONTSOV

Annex

Statement by the Government of the Russian Federation
of 14 May 1994

The Government of the Russian Federation welcomes the signature on 14 May 1994 in Moscow by the parties to the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict of an agreement on a cease-fire and separation of forces.

An important step has been taken towards achieving a lasting peace. However, the process of step-by-step political settlement must continue. The security zone provided for under the agreement, in which it is proposed that a peace-keeping force of the Commonwealth of Independent States should be deployed, must make it possible to prevent military actions from being resumed and open the way for the thousands of refugees to return to their permanent places of residence, particularly in the Gali district.

The Russian Federation is convinced that the parties to the conflict will scrupulously fulfil the obligations they have entered into. The breaches of agreements that have occurred in the past must not be repeated. Russia, for its part, is fully aware of its responsibility and is willing, together with the United Nations, to cooperate in achieving a comprehensive settlement and ensuring that the current phase is followed by further efforts to restore peace and mutual understanding in the region.
