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SECRETARY-GENERAL MEETS WITH GEORGIAN HEAD OF STATE, FOREIGN MINISTER IN PARIS

The following statement was issued today by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General:

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali met the Head of State of the Republic of Georgia, Eduard Shevardnadze, in Paris this evening. The meeting, which lasted 45 minutes, was attended by the Georgian Foreign Minister, Alexander Chikvaidze. They exchanged views on the Georgia-Abkhaz conflict, in light of the second round of talks held between the two sides in Geneva last week. They also discussed Georgia's recent request for a meeting of the Security Council to examine the project of sending a peace-keeping force to the region.

The Secretary-General arrived in Paris earlier this evening, at the conclusion of a two-day official visit to the Netherlands.

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