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Agenda item 32**Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their  
implications for international peace, security  
and development****Security Council  
Seventy-fourth year****Identical letters dated 22 October 2019 from the Permanent  
Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia dated 19 October 2019 on the continuous process of erection of barbed wire fences and artificial barriers along the occupation line in the village of Atotsi, Kareli Municipality, Georgia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 32, and of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Kaha **Imnadze**  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the identical letters dated 22 October 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia**

19 October 2019

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia condemns the continuous process of erection of barbed wire fences and artificial barriers along the occupation line in the village of Atotsi, Kareli Municipality.

Against the background of the extremely aggravated circumstances on the ground, the above actions of the occupation forces represent a deliberate provocation that aims at destabilizing the situation in the country. This illegal attempt of escalating the situation further deteriorates already difficult security and human rights situation on the ground, restricts freedom of movement and access of the local population to the agricultural lands.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls upon the Russian Federation to immediately cease its destructive actions, allow freedom of movement of the local population and fulfil the undertaken international commitments, particularly the EU-mediated 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed immediately its international partners regarding the illegal developments in the village of Atotsi. The phone conversation with the Co-Chairs of the Geneva International Discussions took place. The Georgian side appealed to them to take all necessary measures in order to avoid the provocations on the ground. The EU Monitoring Mission is aware of the situation. The hotline has been activated. The diplomatic corps accredited in Georgia will be also informed.

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