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implications for international peace, security
and development****Security Council
Seventy-fifth year****Identical letters dated 30 November 2020 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 on approval of the programme on creation of common socioeconomic space between the Russian Federation and the occupied Abkhazia region of Georgia of 26 November 2020 (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 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kaha **Imnadze**
Permanent Representative



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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on approval of the programme on creation of common socio-economic space between the Russian Federation and the occupied Abkhazia region of Georgia

Approval of the programme on creation of common socio-economic space between the Russian Federation and the occupied Abkhazia region of Georgia represents another illegal step towards de-facto annexation that envisages gradual integration of Georgia's indivisible regions into Russia's military, political, economic and social systems.

The so-called "treaty on alliance and strategic partnership" concluded between the Russian Federation and its occupation regime in Sokhumi in November 2014 as well as all subsequent so-called "agreements", "memoranda" or "programmes" are illegal and cannot have any legal effect. Through such provocative steps and hybrid warfare instruments, the Russian Federation blatantly violates the fundamental norms and principles of international law, undermines the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia, and poses a serious threat to peace and security on the European continent.

We call upon the Russian Federation to cease its destructive actions and illegal steps directed towards de-facto annexation of Georgia's occupied territories, implement its obligations under the EU-mediated 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement, withdraw its military forces from Georgia's territory and not to impede creation of international security mechanisms on the ground.
