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Letter dated 26 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the statement on the ongoing developments in the Kodori Gorge, issued on 26 July 2006 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 12 and 32.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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Statement on the ongoing developments in the Kodori Gorge, issued on 26 July 2006 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

In connection with the recent developments in the Kodori Gorge, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia states that the subunits of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia are presently engaged in a police operation against organized crime and, specifically, against the rebel group of criminals.

The anti-criminal operation is taking place in full compliance with Georgian laws and the international commitments undertaken by Georgia.

The Ministry deems it necessary to state that Georgia is not in violation of the Agreement on a Ceasefire and Separation of Forces signed on 14 May 1994. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to clarify that this Agreement does not restrict the presence of police forces in the Kodori Gorge and the implementation of measures in this part of Georgia with a view to maintaining order.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reaffirms that the police operation does not extend to the territory controlled by the Abkhaz de facto authorities. At the same time, special representatives keep in contact with the Abkhaz de facto authorities to provide clarity in respect of the actual state of affairs.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs continues its consultations with representatives of the neighbouring countries, the United Nations, international organizations and other parties concerned by the existing situation in the Kodori Gorge.
