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**Letter dated 11 August 2008 from the Permanent Representative of  
Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, issued on 8 August 2008, regarding the deterioration of the situation in South Ossetia (Georgia) (see annex).

I kindly ask you to circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 16, and of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Yuriy Sergeyev  
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations



**Annex to the letter dated 11 August 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the deterioration of the situation in South Ossetia (Georgia)**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its deep concern over the deterioration of the situation in South Ossetia (Georgia).

Our profound concern is due to the fact that the escalation of military actions in the conflict zone results in casualties and refugees.

Ukraine urges all parties that are involved in the conflict to immediately end hostilities and to engage, without delay, in negotiations to achieve a peaceful settlement.

Reaffirming its position on the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia, Ukraine is ready to make, within international diplomatic mechanisms, its own contribution for peaceful settlement of the situation in the region.

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