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**Identical letters dated 13 December 2013 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 a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, dated 10 December 2013, in reaction to the illegal actions of Russian troops across the occupation line in Georgia's Tskhinvali region.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia in reaction to the illegal actions of Russian troops across the occupation line in Georgia's Tskhinvali region

[Tbilisi, 10 December 2013]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia is deeply concerned by the renewal of the installation of barbed wire along the occupation line in the Tskhinvali region, as well as by the erection of banners pointing to the so-called borders. Such banners have recently been erected in the villages of Knolevi, Avlevi, Tseronisi, Tamarasheni, Ghogheti, Dirbi and Dvani (Kareli district) as well as in Ergneti, Ditsi, Kere, Plavi, Plavismani, Mejvriskhevi, Tsitsagiantkari and Zemo Nikozi (Gori district).

The Russian troops' illegal actions constitute a gross violation of the fundamental rights and freedoms of the population living in the areas adjacent to the occupation line, and will have disastrous humanitarian consequences. As a result of this alarming process, the local population is being prevented from carrying out farming activities and is being denied access to cemeteries and emergency medical services.

The Foreign Ministry of Georgia condemns the Russian Federation's provocative policy towards Georgia and its full disregard of its international commitments and the 2008 ceasefire agreement, which are a source of particular concern given Moscow's refusal to commit itself to the non-use of force.

The Foreign Ministry of Georgia appreciates the international community's firm position with respect to Russia's illegal activities, and calls upon international organizations and partner States to continue to take effective measures to put an end to these alarming processes on Georgia's sovereign territory.
