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NATO Parliamentary Assembly

DRAFT DECLARATION

on

GEORGIA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO

approved by

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Assembly,

1. **Noting** the significant strides that Georgia has made since the Rose Revolution of 2003 in implementing the political, economic and security sector reforms necessary for closer integration into Euro-Atlantic institutions;
2. **Recognizing** that the prospect of NATO membership continues to be an important incentive for doing so;
3. **Emphasizing** that the Alliance is open to those countries that share its values and meet its standards, and that enlargement of, or close association with, the Alliance has been and remains an important contribution to Euro-Atlantic security and stability;
4. **Recognizing** that reform of economic, political and security institutions in Georgia is a long-term process and that the determination shown by the leadership to pursue those reforms is an important indicator of its progression toward integration in Euro-Atlantic institutions;
5. **Recognizing** Georgia's wish to engage in a Membership Action Plan as soon as possible and eventually join NATO;
6. **Welcoming** the willingness of Georgia to deploy its forces alongside those of NATO members in difficult and potentially dangerous situations;
7. **Recognizing** the significant progress that Georgia has made in fulfilling the goals set forth in its Individual Partnership Action Plan (IPAP);
8. **Concerned** that the unresolved conflicts in the regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia continue to provide a source of tension in the region;

9. **Noting** that, given its role in the current negotiation frameworks, Russia should play a more constructive role in the resolution of those conflicts;

10. **Welcoming** the recent agreements on withdrawal of Russian bases and troops from Georgia as a positive step, and **reiterating** the willingness of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly to play a role in contributing to its international monitoring;

11. **URGES** member governments and parliaments of the North Atlantic Alliance :

- a. to decide positively to begin an Intensified Dialogue with Georgia as soon as possible and preferably by summer 2006;
 - b. to provide technical assistance to Georgia to speed its integration into Euro-Atlantic institutions;
 - c. to assist in finding mutually acceptable solutions to the unresolved conflicts that plague the region.
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