

Personal Representative of the CSCE Chairman-in-Office
for Georgia

The Committee of Senior Officials,

Welcoming the cease-fire based on the Agreement on Principles of Settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian Conflict signed on 24 June 1992 in Sochi,

Being concerned by the possibility of a deterioration of the situation in the region and the risk of renewed conflict,

Noting the Appeal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Georgia for CSCE Observers in the region,

Taking into consideration its decision of 18 September 1992,

Noting the report of the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office, the statement of the representative of Georgia and the recommendations of the Consultative Committee of the Conflict Prevention Centre,

1. Mandates the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office to Georgia, to be assisted by a staff of two diplomatic advisers and a military team of four officers, headed by a senior military officer, and requests the Mission to

- begin discussions immediately with all parties to the Georgian-Ossetian conflict to identify and seek to eliminate sources of tension with the aim of extending civil order and political reconciliation beyond the immediate cease-fire zone to the surrounding towns and countryside;
- initiate a visible CSCE presence in the region and establish contact with local authorities and representatives of the population;
- in support of the existing cease-fire, liaise with local military commanders of the trilateral peace-keeping forces established by the Sochi Agreement and establish appropriate forms of contact with them within the overall context of the CSCE political efforts, establish regular contacts with local military commanders, gather information on the military situation, investigate violent incidents and call local commanders' attention to possible political implications of specific military actions;
- facilitate the creation of a broader political framework, in which a lasting political conciliation can be achieved on the basis of CSCE principles and commitments;

2. Also requests the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office to help establish a negotiating framework between the parties to the conflict in Abkhazia with the aim of establishing a stable cease-fire and to work out a political solution to the conflict;

3. Requests the Consultative Committee of the Conflict Prevention Centre to elaborate by 25 November, upon the recommendation of the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office, modalities and financial implications for the Mission to allow the Mission to be despatched immediately. Between sessions of the CSO, overall guidance to the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office will be provided by the Vienna Ad Hoc Group, the mandate of which is extended for this purpose.

The Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office will be responsible for regular exchange of information and co-ordination with the United Nations and other international organizations, which are or may be involved in the future in the conflict;

4. Tasks the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office to report to the Chairman-in-Office on a regular basis about his activities in Georgia, consider further possibilities for their extension and submit appropriate recommendations to the next meeting of the CSO.

Asks the Chairman-in-Office to keep the Ad Hoc Group informed about the progress of the Mission;

5. Opens a separate budget line for the Mission with the CSCE Secretariat of an initial amount of 800,000 ATS and requests the Director of the CSCE Secretariat to inform the participating States of their contribution, according to the CSCE scale of distribution, to be paid, if possible, by the end of November.

The CSO will decide on the duration of the Mission and its budget at its next regular meeting.