



**Statement of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly
concerning the decision of Syria to recognise Georgia's breakaway
regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali /South Ossetia**

The Presidium of the Baltic Assembly strongly condemns the decision of Syria to recognise Georgia's breakaway regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali /South Ossetia as "independent states" and establish diplomatic relations with them. This decision of Syria violates the international law and the principle of territorial integrity as defined by the Charter of the United Nations and relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council.

The Presidium of the Baltic Assembly reiterates its firm support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within the borders recognised by the international community. We remain committed to actively supporting conflict resolution efforts. The Presidium of the Baltic Assembly calls on the parties to the conflict to cooperate constructively in Geneva negotiations on the settlement of the conflict.

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