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### **EU statement on the elections in the breakaway region of South Ossetia in Georgia**

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The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the statement by the spokesperson of the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the elections in the breakaway region of South Ossetia in Georgia, issued on 14 November, in which it was stated:

‘In view of the reports about the elections in the Georgian breakaway region of South Ossetia on 13 November, this statement is to recall that the European Union does not recognise the constitutional and legal framework within which these elections have taken place.

The European Union reiterates its support to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia, as recognised by international law. The European Union would in this context like to emphasise the importance of the Geneva International Discussions in ensuring the security and stability in the region’.