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Mr. Chairman,

Speaking on behalf of the delegations of the GUAM Member States – Azerbaijan and Georgia – I would like first to thank the distinguished Delegations of the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and the United Kingdom on behalf of the European Unions for briefing the Permanent Council on the recent developments aimed at ensuring the proper control over the border between these two countries.

Azerbaijan and Georgia welcome the concluding of the Memorandum of Understanding on the dispatch of the European Union Border Assistance Mission, which is scheduled to start its operation on December 1, 2005.

We believe that this important joint measure will contribute to the process of strengthening the border control, including on the Transnistrian segment of the Moldovan-Ukrainian border, and will put an end to illegal cross-border activities undertaken by the criminal separatist regime in Tiraspol.

This timely initiative shall give impetus to the process of achieving the soonest comprehensive resolution of the conflict in the eastern regions of the Republic of Moldova on the basis of the norms and principles of international law, particularly those pertaining to territorial integrity, sovereignty and inviolability of international borders.

Thank you.