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The Swiss delegation thanks the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre for his report.

We take note of the fact that since October 2008 the military observers were regularly patrolling in the Adzvi area where the incident occurred, that since the beginning of the patrol activity the route followed by the patrols had not been changed, and that the military observers were operating on the assumption that the route chosen lay to the south of the administrative border line.

We further note that the report of the Conflict Prevention Centre expresses full confidence in the military observers who were involved in the incident on 10 February and recognizes their professionalism.

We thank the Conflict Prevention Centre for the investigation and regard our inquiry of 12 February as thereby settled.