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The protracted conflicts in the GUAM Countries

Motion for a recommendation
presented by Mr Seyidov and others

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only the members who have signed it

Taking into account that the countries of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM (Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaïdjan, Republic of Moldova) are members of the Council of Europe and active participants in the European Neighborhood Policy Of the European Union;

Reiterating that one of the purposes of GUAM is the strengthen of international and regional security and stability, as well as to promote democratic values shared by all member states of the Council of Europe;

Recalling the Riga Summit Declaration issued by the Heads of State and Government at the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Riga on 29 November 2006;

Expressing deep concern with regard to the unsettled, protracted conflicts in parts of the European continent and emphasising the increasing role of regional co-operation based on the mutual respect of states' sovereign rights in the pan-European processes;

Expressing concern that protracted conflicts in Abkhazia, South Ossetia (Georgia), Transnistria (Moldova) and Nagorno-Karabakh (Azerbaïdjan) continue to undermine security and democratic stability in these countries,

Whilst the international community displays continued awareness of these conflicts, the Assembly encourages the Committee of Ministers:

- to actively pursue contacts with the UN, European Union, OSCE and its Minsk Group with a view to discussing the resolution of protracted conflicts and post-conflict rehabilitation efforts, as well as the possibilities for cooperation between these institutions;
- to discourage visits by member states' of the Council of Europe delegations to the territories of anti-constitutional entities, refrain from sending observation missions to elections conducted by separatist regimes in these areas and encourage member states to call upon their citizens to refrain from any acts which may undermine the international efforts for the peaceful resolution of these conflicts.

Signed (see overleaf)

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EDG: European Democratic Group
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left
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