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Letter dated **24 May 2006** from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the Kyiv Declaration on the establishment of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development — GUAM (ODED-GUAM) (see **annex I**), a GUAM Summit **communiqué** (see annex II) and the Joint Declaration of the Heads of State of ODED-GUAM on the issue of conflict settlement (see annex III), adopted by the Presidents of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine at the GUAM Summit held in Kyiv on **23 May 2006**.



We should be grateful if the present letter and its annexes could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 10, 12, 32, 40, 43, 71, 97 (u) and 108 of the agenda of its sixtieth session, and of the Security Council.

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Annex I to the letter dated 24 May 2006 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

**KYIV DECLARATION
ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION
FOR DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - GUAM**

The **Heads of State** of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the **Republic** of Moldova and **Ukraine**,

Being guided by the norms and principles of international law, the provisions enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the fundamental documents of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and also, the Yalta Charter and the Chisinau Declaration of the **GUAM**,

Reasserting the dedication to democratic **values**, full respect **for** human rights and **freedoms**, **supremacy** of the rule of law, both in **internal** and **external affairs**, the principles of **equality**, mutual respect and **mutually beneficial** cooperation,

Emphasizing common aspiration to expedite **advancement** toward European integration,

Expressing **deep concern** with **regard to** continuing conflicts and the **growing threat** to security, **stemming out from international** terrorism, **aggressive** separatism and **extremism** and the related negative **phenomena**,

Reaffirming commitment to **contribute to strengthening** the **international** peace, security and stability on the basis of respect of the principles of sovereignty, territorial **integrity** and inviolability of **internationally** recognized borders of the **States**,

Stressing the significance of deepening economic cooperation, *inter alia* in the spheres of energy, **transport** and **trade** to promote further development and improvement of well-being of **their** nations,

Highly valuing the **spiritual** and **cultural** heritage of **people** of their states and expressing interest to **develop** cooperation in **humanitarian** sphere, particularly in the **areas** of culture, science, education, **healthcare**, youth exchange, **tourism** and sports,

Emphasizing the growing role of regional cooperation in **pan-European processes**;

1. Declare establishment of an **International Regional Organization** - "**Organization for Democracy and Economic Development** - GUAM" (hereinafter **referred** to as **GUAM**) with **Secretariat** in Kyiv,

2. **Stress** that **GUAM's** activities are aimed **at** the **enhancement** of democracy, adherence to the rule of **law, respect** for fundamental human rights and freedoms, **economic** development of **States** and **assuring** of security and stability.

3. **Reaffirm the need to enhance action** to support sustainable **development** of the **GUAM States** through dynamic economic **growth, social** concord and protection of the **environment**.
4. **Declare** their **intention to cooperate** actively in settlement of unresolved conflicts in a **number of GUAM States** that **undermine** sovereignty, **territorial** integrity and independence of those **States**, impeding the full-scale implementation of democratic **reforms** and **economic** development of the region, negatively impact European **integration** processes and challenge the world community.
5. **Express** their **readiness** to further **enhance cooperation** in combating international terrorism, **extremism** and aggressive separatism **and** other related negative phenomena
6. Stand for **deepening of economic, commercial** and transport cooperation of the **GUAM States** and declare the beginning of the implementation of the Free Trade Area Agreement.
7. Declare on **inadmissibility** of the economic **pressure** and monopolization of **energy market, and** emphasize the need to **activize** efforts to ensure energy **security**, including by **means** of diversifying routes of **transportation** of **energy** resources **from** Central Asia and Caspian regions to the European market.
8. Support **utmost** use of **the international** transit capacity of the **GUAM States** to **ensure** also sustainable supply of **energy** resources.
9. Express readiness to develop cooperation in the humanitarian sphere, particularly in the **areas** of culture, science, education, **healthcare**, youth exchange, **tourism** and sports.
10. **Reaffirm** the strive of the **GUAM States** to deepen European **integration and enhance** relations **with** the European Union and **NATO**.
11. **Emphasize** willingness, of the **GUAM States** to further **develop partnership** relations with the United **States** of America and **other States and** organizations, in particular, to implement joint projects.
12. **Declare that the** Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - **GUAM** is open for **accession** of **other States which** share its goals and principles.

Kyiv, 23 May 2006

Annex II to the letter dated 24 May 2006 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

**GUAM SUMMIT
COMMUNIQUÉ**

23 May 2006, Kyiv

On 23 May 2006 Presidents of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine took part at the GUAM Summit in Kyiv (Ukraine). Presidents of Lithuania and Poland, Vice-President of Bulgaria, and high-level representatives of Romania, Kazakhstan, the USA and also, of international organizations, such as the OSCE, BSEC and diplomatic missions, participated in the Summit as guests.

The Heads of State expressed gratitude to President Vladimir Voronin for the successful chairmanship of Moldova in the GUAM during the preceding period. In accordance with the decision of the Summit, Ukraine has taken over the chairmanship.

The Heads of GUAM States reviewed the implementation of the decisions adopted at the 2005 Chisinau Summit, perspectives of development of interaction in the context of ensuring democracy, stability and development in the region, cooperation in the spheres of economy, energy, trade, transport and security, and also, development of cooperation with other States and international organizations.

The Heads of GUAM States emphasized with satisfaction that over the last year the necessary mechanism have been created to ensure successful cooperation, thus enabling to step into a new stage of cooperation with involvement of other states and international organizations. They reaffirmed determination of their countries to take consistent and consolidated efforts to implement decisions of the Chisinau Declaration "in the name of democracy, stability and development".

The Heads of State noted the high level of cooperation within the Parliamentary Assembly of GUAM and called the Assembly to actively contribute to the institutional consolidation of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Cooperation - GUAM.

They stressed importance of regular meetings of the secretaries of councils of national security and defense with the purpose of preparation of proposals for cooperation in the spheres of security and economy.

The participants of the Summit paid special attention to challenges and threats of modern time: international terrorism, aggressive separatism and extremism, and transnational organized crime.

It was emphasized that these threats, as well as unresolved conflicts and illegal presence of foreign troops and armaments in GUAM States are recognized as main obstacles on the way to fill the keale democratic transformations and economic development in the region.

The participants of the meeting reviewed the processes of settlement of conflicts in GUAM States since the time of the Chisinau Summit.

They noticed **positive shifts** in the implementation of **step-by-step Plan of settlement of the Transnistrian conflict "To settlement through democracy"**, presented at the **Chisinau Summit**, including continuation of negotiation process with participation of **USA and EU**. They positively assessed the EU Mission activities related to the provision of **assistance on the Ukrainian-Moldovan state border**.

The Heads of State gave **high appraisal** and stressed the necessity to **implement the Plan of peaceful settlement of the conflict in Tskhinvali region/South Osetia, Georgia**, presented by Georgia and supported by the OSCE Council of **Ministers** in Ljubljana on 5 December 2005. **Signing of the agreements between Georgia and the Russian Federation on the terms of withdrawal of the Russian military bases and transit of the armaments subject to withdrawal was mentioned with satisfaction.**

The Heads of State **called** for implementation of the UNSC resolutions regarding the conflict in and around the **Nagorny Karabakh** region of the Republic of Azerbaijan **and of the principles of settlement of this conflict, elaborated at the OSCE Lisbon Summit**. A **hope** for effective continuation of the negotiation process based on the above **mentioned documents** was expressed.

The Heads of State decided to enhance interaction **with the view to intensify** the processes of **settlement of conflicts** and adopted a **Joint Declaration** on these issues.

The participants of the **Summit** highly **assessed** the level of interaction in **combating terrorism, organized crime, drug trafficking and other dangerous types of crimes**. They welcomed the **Joint Statement of the law enforcement authorities of the GUAM Member States** as a **result** of the meeting in Kyiv on 22 **May** 2006, and signing by the Heads of Border Services of the Protocol Concerning Cooperation **Between** Operation Bodies of Border Services of the **GUAM States** in the framework of **the Summit**

The Heads of State welcomed the start of implementation of the Trade and Transport Facilitation Project (TTFP) **and the establishment of the Virtual Center for combating terrorism and the Interstate Information Management System (VC/IIMS) Project**, implemented **with** support of a **Euroatlantic** Advisory Team and the **SECK** Center. They also welcome the **beginning** of implementation of the Agreement on Free Trade Area,

The Heads of State expressed their appreciation to the US Government for effective assistance in implementation of the said projects and other programs **Within the GUAM**. They welcomed adoption of the **GUAM-United States Joint Statement** at the **Summit** and pointed out the necessity to interact in the implementation of these projects.

The importance of **development of mutually beneficial contacts between GUAM and the European Union, and also, with regional organizations, programs and initiatives, such as the BSEC, the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, the Visegrad Group, the South Eastern European Cooperative Initiative(SECI) and others, was stressed.**

The perspective of **further cooperation of GUAM States in the UN and OSCE was underlined, and necessity to use this experience in other international organizations was emphasized**. They welcomed adoption of **GUAM action plans** for cooperation **within** the UN and OSCE.

The Heads of State underscored the **importance of development of cooperation in the humanitarian sphere, including culture, education, health care, youth exchange, tourism and sports**. They also **welcomed** signing of the **Agreement between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the GUAM States for training of diplomatic representatives.**

Following their decisions, adopted ~~at the Chisinau Summit~~, **the GUAM Heads of State** declared the establishment of the Organization for **Democracy** and Economic Development - **GUAM** and signed its Charter.

The Heads of State expressed their confidence that ~~the~~ establishment of **the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM** will ensure achievement of the set purposes and enable to deepen and enhance cooperation of its **Member States**.

They stressed ~~that~~ the **priorities** of the future Organization **shall** be **strengthening** of the values of democracy, the rule of **law, human rights and freedoms, stability and security**, combating **international** terrorism, aggressive separatism, **extremism** and transnational organized crime, deepening of the European integration and achievement of sustainable development and well-being of their peoples.

The Heads of **State** particularly emphasized **that** GUAM is open organization, and any state, sharing its purposes and principles, ~~may~~ join it, **They also** adopted the Decision concerning the **GUAM's partnership with** the interested **states** and international organizations, and approved the relevant provisions.

Annex III to the letter dated 24 May 2006 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

**JOINT DECLARATION
OF THE HEADS OF STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION
FOR DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - GUAM
ON THE ISSUE OF CONFLICT SETTLEMENT**

The Heads of State of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine,

Guided by **the purposes** and principles, **enshrined** in the Charter of the United Nations, **universally** recognized norms and principles of **international law**, provisions of the **fundamental** documents of the Organization for Security and **Co-operation** in Europe, the Yalta Charter and **the Chisinau** and the **Kyiv** Declarations of GUAM,

Proceeding **from** adherence to democratic **values and** aspirations advance **further** on the way to European and **Euroatlantic** integration,

Emphasizing the ever growing role of regional cooperation based on mutual **respect** of the **sovereign rights** of the states in Pan-European **integration** processes,

Stressing that **such** cooperation facilitates **advancement** of **democracy**, strengthening of regional and **international** security and deepening of economic and commercial ties,

Reaffirming the necessity to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and internationally recognized borders of **states**, as one of the pillars of **maintenance** of **international** security,

Reaffirming also the **necessity to** develop democracy and respect of human rights and fundamental **freedoms**, including persons **belonging** to **national** or **ethnic minorities**, with the purposes of **maintaining** peace and **security**, strengthening the spirit of tolerance, **ascertaining** values of cultural diversity and peaceful co-existence of various ethnic communities within the internationally recognized borders of **states**,

Recognizing that **unresolved conflicts** and illegal **military** presence on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova **undermine** the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of these states, **impede** implementation of full-scale democratic reforms and achievement of sustainable development, jeopardize regional security, negatively impact pan-European **integration** processes and challenge **the** entire international community,

Expressing **deep concern** with regard to **increasing** security **threats** emerging **from** conflict zones, including international terrorism, aggressive separatism, **extremism**, organized crime and other related dangerous phenomena,

Being deeply concerned of **continuing** people's sufferings resulting **from** conflicts and their **destructive consequences**,

Drawing attention of the international community to the need of conflict-affected states for assistance in restoration of the **infrastructure** destroyed by military action,

Reaffirming that the root causes of conflicts are multi-faceted by **their** character **and** therefore, **require** comprehensive, complex and **stepwise** approach to **their** settlement,

Acknowledging the **necessity** to **intensify conflict settlement** efforts **and** calling **upon** the **states** and **international and** regional **arrangements** and institutions to further facilitate, **within** their competence, the processes of **settlement** of conflicts in the GUAM area,

1. Declare **that settlement of conflicts** on the **territories of the GUAM States** shall be carried out exclusively on the basis of respect to **sovereignty, territorial integrity** and **inviolability** of internationally recognized borders **of these states**; and is **one** of the priority objectives of cooperation within GUAM.

2. Stress that the territory of a **state may** not be a **subject** of **acquisition** or **military** occupation, **resulting from** the threat or use of force in breach of the **relevant** norms of international law. No territorial **acquisitions** and the resulting self-declared entities **may** be **recognized** as legal under any circumstances whatsoever.

3. **Remind** in this regard about the **obligation** of **states of non-interference** with the affairs of any other **state** and **non-exertion** of military, **political**, economic or **any** other **pressure thereupon**.

4. **Underscore** the **lack** of prospects and **malignancy** of **separatism** and disintegration, the incompatibility of the use of force and the **practice** of ethnic cleansing and territorial seizures **with** the universal **and** European values, the principles **and** ideals of peace, democracy, stability **and** regional cooperation

5. **Stress in this context the importance** of consolidation of efforts of the **GUAM States** and the international **community** to settle **conflicts** on their **territories** by **means** of **re-integration** of uncontrolled **territories** into the states that they are part of: return of forcibly displaced population to the **areas** of permanent residency and **ensuring peaceful coexistence of** various ethnic groups **within** the internationally recognized borders of the **states, development** of civil society, restoration of destroyed **infrastructure** on **these** territories, and also, use of communications to the benefit of all parties.

6. Especially emphasize **the** importance of demilitarization of conflict **zones** and establishment of security in these **zones** with the help of multinational **peacemaking** forces **deployed** therein under **UN** or OSCE auspices for providing conditions for **return** of population and **peaceful** coexistence of ethnic **communities**.

7. Believe that the status of **self-rule** for the **communities** constituting the population of uncontrolled territories **that** will create the necessary conditions **for** effective **exercise** of their rights to equal participation in administration of state affairs, **including** through formation of legitimate regional authorities at all levels, can be determined exclusively within the legal and democratic process.

8. Welcome the efforts of international community and stress the importance of providing support to GUAM States in the development and implementation of a comprehensive and consistent strategy for conflict settlement based on the above mentioned principles, including short-term and long-term measures aimed at the achievement and maintenance of lasting peace, security and sustainable development.

9. Entrust the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs with the task to develop concrete measures and steps with the purpose of implementation of provisions of this Declaration.

Kyiv, 23 May 2006
