

**INTERVENTION OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF GEORGIA TO THE UN  
OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT GENEVA TO THE  
REPORT OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF  
RACISMS, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED  
INTOLERANCE**

*5<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL*

**JUNE 11, 2007**

**Mr. President,**

**We fully agree with the conclusions of Special Rapporteur Doudou Diène that current resurgence of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance represents a major threat not only to the rights of the victims, but also to the development of democracy and social cohesion<sup>1</sup>.**

**This phenomenon is deeply disappointing and terrifying when finds translation in the public policies, while the democratic values, human rights and rule of law principles become diminished through disrespect, abuse of power and disgraceful practices.**

**In this connection, we would like to draw your attention to the cases of persecution and deportation of up to 6 000 citizens of Georgia that took place on massive scale within the Russian Federation for several months since September 2006, accompanied with the infringements upon their fundamental rights, in three cases resulting into the death of the deportees. A discriminatory pattern on ethnic basis was particularly alarming with respect to the attitude taken towards Georgian children in Russia schools and educational institutions.**

**We highly appreciate the intention of the Special Rapporteur to take measures upon this issue as noted in paragraph 51 of the Report on the Mission to the Russian Federation<sup>2</sup> and express our readiness for full cooperation with the Special Rapporteur on this matter.**

**Thank you Mr. President**

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<sup>1</sup> Implementation of General Assembly Resolution 60/251 of 15 of March 2006 entitled "Human Rights Council", A/HRC/5/10, 25 May 2005, para. 60;

<sup>2</sup> Implementation of General Assembly Resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 entitled "Human Rights Council", Mission to the Russian Federation, A/HRC/4/19/Add.3, 30 May 2007, para. 51;