Statement in the exercise of the Right of Reply to the Russian Delegation at the Closing Session (October 10, 2008)

Mr. Chairman,

The Georgian delegation is appreciative to HDIM for considering a number of vital issues of top priority for new democracies. We would also like to extend our thanks and consideration to participating states for the due and unbiased assessment of the processes that have developed in our region.

At the same time, we would want to stress that during the sessions we constantly witnessed the Russian side's futile attempts to turn things upside down, distort and falsify the facts. The vivid example of this is the organized ruthless exploitation of human feelings. In spite of it, all those participating in the event cast doubt to the sincerity of the submitted information.

We would also like to thank the OSCE for active participation in overcoming the aftermaths of the conflict, and its assistance in finding further solutions within the framework of international law.

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