

Statement of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Parliament of Georgia regarding the situation in Ukraine

We are deeply concerned by the increasing number of ceasefire violations by the Russian Federation in eastern Ukraine and recent unprecedented military build-up of the Russian forces in Crimea, Ukraine and along Ukraine's eastern borders, as well as the Kremlin's aggressive rhetoric. We are alarmed by the statements of the high-ranking Russian politicians that serve the aim of undermining the sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as security and stability of Ukraine.

Georgia and Ukraine share history of special friendship and strategic partnership and we once again reiterate Georgia's firm support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

In addition, we welcome the deepened communication between NATO-Ukraine and support increased involvement of the Alliance in the Black Sea region, which we see as factor of greater stability.

Furthermore, we strongly believe that the current escalation poses paramount threat to not only Ukraine, but also to the wider Black Sea Region and to the European security architecture.

We call on international community to continue its strong support to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity against destructive actions and aggressive policy of the Russian Federation.