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Concluding observations of the Committee on the
Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Georgia

1. The Committee considered the initial report of Georgia (CERD/C/369/Add.1), which was due on 2 July 2000, during its fifty-eighth session at its 1453rd and 1454th meeting (CERD/C/SR.1453 and CERD/C/SR.1454), held on 15 and 16 March 2001. At its 1462nd meeting, held on 22 March 2001, it adopted the following concluding observations.

A. Introduction

2. The Committee welcomes the initial report submitted by the State party and the additional oral information provided as well as the opportunity thus offered to initiate a dialogue with the State party. It expresses its satisfaction with the quality of the report and its conformity with the reporting guidelines of the Committee. It notes as very positive the fact that the State party submitted the report within one year of ratification.

B. Factors and difficulties impeding the implementation of the Convention

3. The Committee recognizes that Georgia has been confronted with ethnic and political conflicts in Abkhazia and South Ossetia since independence. Due to the lack of governmental authority, the State party has difficulty in exercising its jurisdiction with regard to the protection of human rights and the implementation of the Convention in those regions.

4. In addition, the situations in South Ossetia and Abkhazia have resulted in discrimination against people of different ethnic origins, including a large number of internally displaced persons and refugees. On repeated occasions, attention has been drawn to the obstruction by the Abkhaz authorities of the voluntary return of displaced populations, and several recommendations have been issued by the Security Council to facilitate the free movement of refugees and internally displaced persons.

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Concluding observations of the Committee on the

Elimination of Racial Discrimination

GEORGIA

1. The Committee considered the second to third periodic reports of Georgia, which were due on 2 July 2002 and 2004 respectively, submitted as one document (CERD/C/461/Add.1), at

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its 1705th and 1706th meetings (CERD/C/SR.1705 and 1706), held on 3 and 4 August 2005. At its 1721st meeting, held on 15 August 2005, it adopted the following concluding observations.

A. Introduction

2. The Committee welcomes the report submitted by the State party and the additional information provided by the delegation. The Committee also appreciates the presence of a high-ranking delegation and the constructive and frank dialogue with the State party.

3. The Committee expresses its satisfaction with the quality of the report, its conformity with the reporting guidelines of the Committee and notes as very positive the fact that the State party submitted the report in a timely manner.

B. Factors and difficulties impeding the implementation of the Convention

4. The Committee acknowledges that Georgia has been confronted with ethnic and political conflicts in Abkhazia and South Ossetia since independence. Due to the lack of governmental authority, the State party has difficulty in exercising its jurisdiction with regard to the protection of human rights and the implementation of the Convention in those regions.

5. In addition, the conflicts in South Ossetia and Abkhazia have resulted in discrimination against people of different ethnic origins, including a large number of internally displaced persons and refugees. Several recommendations have been issued by the Security Council to
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