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UN OFFICIAL VISITS GEORGIA

Mr. Joachim Hutter, Director, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, UNHQ, New York, is currently visiting Georgia to take part in a memorial service for the four the military observers who died so tragically on 8 October during an attack on their patrol helicopter in the Kodori Valley. He came to Tbilisi at the request of U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan.

Mr. Hutter will use his stay to hold meetings with members of the Georgian government, including Foreign Minister, Mr. Irakli Menagharishvili, Minister of Special Affairs, Mr. Malkhaz Kakabadze, and the Chairman of the National Security Council, Mr. Nugzar Sajaia.

On 16 October Mr. Hutter will travel to Sukhumi to visit the UNOMIG Headquarters. On this occasion he will meet with the de facto Prime Minister of Abkhazia, Mr. Anri Jergenja, and the de facto Foreign Minister of Abkhazia, Mr. Sergei Shamba.

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