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**SRSR TAGLIAVINI MEETS WITH PRESIDENT PUTIN'S SPECIAL ENVOY FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE  
CONFLICT IN ABKHAZIA, GEORGIA MR. LOSHCININ**

On 10 July 2003 Ambassador Heidi Tagliavini, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Georgia, and Mr Valeri Loshchinin, First Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation and President Putin's Special Envoy for Settlement of the Conflict in Abkhazia, Georgia, met in Moscow.

They exchanged views on the present situation in the peace process and on preparations for forthcoming endeavors in the month of July. These include a planned meeting on security guarantees, the second high-level meeting of the Group of Friends of the Secretary-General under the Chairmanship of the UN, and the upcoming UN Security Council session on the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia. The importance of the implementation of the recommendations of the first high-level meeting was emphasized.

The usefulness of the implementation of the recommendations of the Security Assessment Mission (SAM) to the Gali district was stressed. The sides also discussed the recent activities of the working groups established by the Sochi agreement between presidents Shevardnadze and Putin, regarded by the UN as an important contribution to the Geneva peace process.

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