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**FOURTH MEETING BETWEEN GEORGIAN AND ABKHAZ SIDES ON SECURITY
GUARANTEES POSTPONED BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF ABKHAZ SIDE**

The fourth meeting between the Georgian and Abkhaz sides on security guarantees has been postponed because of the absence of the Abkhaz side. The meeting was scheduled for today, 22 July 2005, in the Tbilisi UNOMIG Headquarters with the participation of the Group of Friends of the UN Secretary-General on Georgia and under the chairmanship of Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Georgia, Ambassador Heidi Tagliavini.

The sides were intending to discuss security guarantees, including aspects of international security guarantees, and to consider mechanisms for their implementation according to appeal of Georgian and Abkhaz sides in the framework of the Yalta Declaration of 15-16 March 2001. Furthermore, it was anticipated that the sides would discuss reassurances of non-use of force against each other, as well as continue discussing other security aspects, including maritime issues.

UNOMIG expresses its regret that the Abkhaz side, despite the agreement reached earlier, did not arrive in Tbilisi, and hopes that the meeting will be held in the foreseeable future. For its part, UNOMIG is ready to facilitate the organization of the meeting depending on the readiness of the sides.

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