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**UNOMIG VOICES CONCERN ON RECENT VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT ZONE**

UNOMIG continues to be concerned with the security and human rights situation in the zone of conflict following violent incidents and growing apprehensions among the local population about decisions, which could have an impact on the sensitive issues of citizenship and conscription.

UNOMIG encourages the Georgian and Abkhaz sides to engage in cross-ceasefire line cooperation in the field of law enforcement to address criminal activities, as these affect the peaceful population and international staff contributing to the rehabilitation efforts in the zone of conflict, and urges the sides not to take actions, which could further deteriorate the situation on the ground. It is expedient to seek ways for improving the situation through dialogue and cooperation. UNOMIG recalls its recommendations for the improvement of the security and human rights situation, which have been endorsed by the Security Council.

The Mission reiterates its earlier proposal to facilitate a high level meeting on security issues and related matters. Such cooperation is indeed needed in the light of recent constructive exchanges between the Georgian and Abkhaz sides relating to the non-resumption of hostilities and the safe and dignified return of refugees and IDPs, and particularly, given the expressed willingness by both sides to work for a meeting at the highest level.

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