



**UNITED NATIONS      NATIONS UNIES**  
**United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia**

**For Immediate Release**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**PR/2006/74**  
Sukhumi, 2 August, 2006

**UNOMIG - PRESS RELEASE**

In connection with the increase in tension between the Georgian and Abkhaz sides in the light of recent developments in the Kodori Valley, the A/SRSG after intensive consultations with the heads of the delegations of the resumed Coordinating Council of the Georgian and Abkhaz sides, initiated the convening of the second session of the Council in Sukhumi on 2 August 2006.

Initially, both sides agreed with the expediency of the meeting and expressed their readiness to participate in it. However, the session was postponed in the last minute, because the sides could not reach understanding on the list of participants in the meeting. The A/SRSG continues consultations with the sides.

UNOMIG calls upon the sides to contribute to confidence-building and transparency and constructively engage as soon as possible in dialogue within the existing peace process mechanisms, while avoiding actions and rhetoric which could further escalate tension.

\* \* \*

For more information, please contact:

UNOMIG Public Information Office

**Tel:** +995 32 507 200  
**Fax:** +995 32 507 207

**E-mail:** [unomig-pio@un.org](mailto:unomig-pio@un.org)  
**Web site:** [www.unomig.org](http://www.unomig.org)