

The Statement of the representative of the MFA of Georgia

Regretfully should be stated, that in the certain political circles of Russia the forcing of intensity around of events in Abkhazia and Georgia as a whole does not end.

The statement of the representative of the MFA of the Russian Federation from March, 21, 2002 is an evident confirmation of the fact.

Uncompromisingly adhering to a principle of peaceful settlement of Abkhazian conflict, considering political methods of its resolving as nonalternative, the government of Georgia, certainly, is concerned by the occurring in the zone of conflict with acts of violence, absence of the elementary law, order and conditions of safety, first of all for the refugees, who have come back to their native places are suffering of it.

The Georgian side repeatedly stated and states a issue on acceptance of drastic steps, including change of mandate for Collective Peace Keeping Forces (CPKF), and also some other actions to achieve the consent to which realization, till now it is not possible.

Proceeding from this, the Georgian Side can not consider reasonable the accusations put forward to its address. In opinion of the Georgian Side, categorical unilateral estimations containing in the application on the facts which investigation is not conducted yet especially are groundless, that only emphasizes tendentiousness of its authors.

It should be known to the authors of the statement, that an original cause of preservation and escalation of intensity in the zone of conflict, is absence of any progress of political settlement during long period of time as which basis the appropriate offers on differentiation of the constitutional authorities between Tbilisi and Sukhumi should serve. For nobody is a secret by whom and by what means are blocked the achievements of the arrangements under these offers.

In connection with the aforesaid, the accusation of official Tbilisi in equivocity of its position and doubt in sincerity of its intents is, at least, incorrect.

Concerning the information of allegedly groundless assertions of presence of international terrorists, Tbilisi Authorities consider that Moscow should have listened to this reports and do not reject them, from the very beginning, as the appearing of possible refuge of international terrorists, practically in uncontrolling zone can cause serious problems first of all to Russia.

In this connection, it is regretful, that the certain representatives of political circles of Russia are concerned more of activization of the American - Georgian military cooperation, than availability of the centers of tension in the region.

Because of it, the statement of the representative of the MFA of Russia cannot be perceived but as containing ungrounded, irresponsible accusations which can cause only serious damage to the Russian - Georgian dialogue and prevent peaceful settlement of conflicts.

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