



Declaration of the Rio Group on the situation in South Ossetia

The Rio Group countries express their deep preoccupation for the violent confrontations which have taken place in South Ossetia and neighboring zones, in Georgia, and call upon the parties involved in such conflict to refrain from the use of force and resume negotiations, in order to reach a long lasting and mutually acceptable solution, which may contribute to the preservation of peace and security of the region.

The Rio Group also exhorts the parties involved therein, to look for a solution to their controversies within the framework of regional and international organisms, providing full respect for human rights, and strict attachment to International Law and the principles of the United Nations Charter.

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