Conflicts in Georgia are not *internal ethnic conflicts*

There is an external conflict between Russia and Georgia

Russia is using Separatist-minded groups against the Georgian State
Ethnic Cleansing:

Occupation Map – Abkhazia, Georgia
Abkhazia- after August 2008

Legend
- Ethnic cleansing of Georgian villages
- Russian occupied territory from 1993, populated by Georgians
- Russian occupied territory from 1993, ethnically cleansed from Georgians
- Russian occupied territory from the August 2008, ethnically cleansed from Georgians
- Territory temporarily occupied by Russian troops in August-September 2008
- Georgian-Russian State border
- Administrative border of Abkhazia Autonomous Republic

Source: Number of registered IDPs is given according the Georgian Civil Register December 2008 data

210,141 IDPs after war in 1993, currently registered by the Georgian Ministry of Refugees. Estimated over 350,000 displaced persons in total (IDPs, refugees, unregistered displaced persons) after 1993 war.
Occupation Map – Tskhinvali, Georgia
Tskhinvali- after August 2008

Legend
- Ethnic cleansing of Georgian villages
- Russian occupied territory from 1991, ethnically cleansed from Georgians
- Russian occupied territory from the August 2008, populated by Georgians
- Russian occupied territory from the August 2008, ethnically cleansed from Georgians
- Territory temporarily occupied by Russian troops in August-September 2008
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- Didi Lekhi gorge 11940 IDPs, 100% ethnic cleansing
- Akhalgori district 4484 IDPs, 58% ethnic cleansing
- Petara Lekhi gorge 5121 IDPs, 100% ethnic cleansing
- Gori and Karel districts 84302 IDPs
- Prone gorge 2355 IDPs, 100% ethnic cleansing
- 12493 IDPs after 1990-ies
- 23929 IDPs after August 2008
The Six Point Peace Plan was signed between Presidents of Georgia, France and Russia:

- The principles to which the parties have subscribed are as follows:
  1. Not to resort to force;
  2. To end hostilities definitively;
  3. To provide free access for humanitarian aid;
  4. Georgian military forces will have to withdraw to their usual bases;
  5. Russian military forces will have to withdraw to the lines held prior to the outbreak of hostilities. Pending an international mechanism, Russian peace-keeping forces will implement additional security measures;
  6. Opening of international talks on the security and stability arrangements in Abkhazia and South Ossetia.
UNOMIG and OSCE were present since early 90-es:

- UNOMIG – UN Observer Mission in Georgia
  - Military Observation of Abkhazia, Georgia
  - The new Mandate will be decided in June 2009

- OSCE – Mission to Georgia
  - Previously Observing situation in Tskhinvali Region, Georgia
  - Russian Federation vetoes continuation of OSCE mission in Georgia
EUMM was launched after the August War with Russia: (October 1, 2008)

- Mandate is to monitor the implementation of the Agreements of August 12 and September 8
- Number of Monitors: over 226
  - Total staff 388 (340 International and 48 Local)
- EUMM mandate covers the whole territory of Georgia
- EUMM has no executive power
Involvement of International Organizations

Position of the Government of Georgia:

- GoG is committed towards supporting further international presence on the ground
- Establishing International Police Operation

Red Lines:

- Territorial Integrity
- Non recognition of Georgia’s Separatists Regions
- Unconditional Return of IDPs, Refugees and war affected population
Adopted on 23 October 2008, after the August 2008 conflict:

- **Purpose:**
  - Define the status of territories occupied as a result of the military aggression of the Russian Federation
  - Establish a special legal regime on the above territories.

- The legal premise is that the two break-away regions of the Republic of Georgia, Abkhazia and South Ossetia, are integral parts of the Republic of Georgia, that are currently under the Russian occupation.

- Law provides limitations with regard to free migration, economic activities, real estate transactions and other activities.
Sets limitations with regard of traveling of Foreign citizens to the occupied territories. It is permitted to travel:

- To Abkhazia from Zugdidi municipality
- To Tskhinvali region from Gori municipality

The law also introduces “special cases” that can be granted in compliance with the rules set in the relevant normative document of the Georgian Government.

Parliament of Georgia mandated GoG/SMR to developed special mechanisms enabling International Institutions to carry out humanitarian activities.
Our Approach regarding Occupied Territories

- Confidence building between returning and receiving communities
- Active involvement of NGO-s
- Development of socio-economic aspects by creating special environment for confidence building:
  - Integrated Socio-Economic Zone
Ethnic Cleansing:
• Georgian villages in Tskhinvali zone of the conflict were completely cleansed and destroyed.
• Georgian population of Upper Abkhazia were forced to flee.
• Human rights of the population under occupation are violated on a daily basis.
Internally Displaced Persons

- The Georgian Agency for Civil Registration has to date recorded a total of 131,169 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).
- As of 27 October, 35,495 IDPs were still unable to return to their homes.
Geneva Talks

- Takes into consideration new Paradigm
  - Co-chairs – UN, OSCE, EU
  - Participants – US, Georgia, Russian Federation
- During Technical meetings separatists as well as non-separatist communities are present

- Expectations from Geneva Talks:
  - The only mechanism stipulating conflict resolution on the international level
  - Has a chance to be transformed into real Conflict Resolution Talks between Georgia and Russian Federation
Reconstruction works

**Housing:**
4 542 new houses have been built in Kvemo Kartli, Shida Kartli, Mtskheta-Tianeti and Kakheti regions. Besides, many other apartments have been renovated, which will also shelter the IDPs still unable to return to their homes.

**GoG is determined to:**
- Create employment opportunities for new IDPs
- Provide housing to the Old IDPs and Refugees

**Aim:**
- Do not politicize Humanitarian issues
International Donors pledged total of 4,643 bill USD

Pledged amount will be allocated for:

- Infrastructure rehabilitation, incl. Energy Sector
- Socio-economic assistance to war affected population and regions
- State programs on social assistance
- Financial assistance to the private sector

GoG guarantees transparency and provides spending reports
President of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili requested International Investigation of the August war between Russia and Georgia.

The EU Fact-Finding Mission was established for the purpose to find truth behind Russian-Georgia war.

The EU fact-finding mission is headed by Heidi Tagliavini.

Georgian Government is committed to cooperate closely with the mission.

On July 31, 2009 the fact-finding mission will present its conclusions to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), EU nations, Georgia and Russia.
Thank You