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RE: Armenia's constructive response to the Georgia crisis

Attached please find a brief outline of Armenia's response to the recent crisis in Georgia, and the efforts the Armenian government has undertaken to help restore peace and stability to the region.

The Armenian government's contributions have been in four key areas:

- 1) Safe transit for U.S. and international officials and relatives of diplomats, NGO representatives, and Georgian nationals
- 2) Reconstruction assistance for damaged Georgian infrastructure
- 3) Regional dialogue toward peace and stability
- 4) Alleviating the humanitarian burden on the Georgian government

Armenia's constructive response to the crisis in Georgia

Armenia has played a balanced and constructive role in addressing the humanitarian crisis caused by the recent Russian-Georgian conflict, and is working with the nations of the region to help restore peace and stability.

1) Safe transit

Armenia provided a "humanitarian corridor" for the safe transit of:

- More than 150 U.S. officials and their family members.
- Hundreds of international personnel, including foreign embassy officials and NGO representatives.
- Thousands of Georgian nationals seeking refuge from the conflict.
(Armenia waived all airport fees and transportation taxes.)

2) Reconstruction assistance

Armenia sent a team of repair personnel to Georgia's Gori region, along with a train of rail cars carrying construction materials, to help rebuild a key Georgian railroad bridge that was destroyed in the fighting.

3) Peace and stability

Armenia's President has spoken to both Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili and Russian President Dimitry Medvedev to express Armenia's condolences over the loss of life during the recent fighting, and to discuss Armenia's hope for a timely return to peace and stability in the region.

4) Regional cooperation

Armenia helped alleviate a potential additional humanitarian burden on the Georgian government by managing the timely and orderly return to Armenia of several thousand Armenian nationals who were visiting Georgia at the time of the conflict.