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***Press Release***

***Statement of the Embassy of Japan in Georgia on the signing of so called "Treaty" between Georgia's occupied Tskhinvali region /South Ossetia and the Russian Federation***

**The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan has authorized the Embassy to issue the following statement:**

It is Japan's consistent position that peaceful resolution to the conflict in Georgia's occupied regions of Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia and Abkhazia in line with the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognized borders is essential for the peace and stability of the country and the entire South Caucasus region.

Embassy of Japan, having issued the statement regarding the signing of the so-called "Treaty on alliance and strategic partnership" between Georgian occupied region Abkhazia and the Russian Federation in November last year, expresses concern about the signing of the so-called "Treaty on alliance and integration" between Georgia's occupied Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia and the Russian Federation, and reconfirms above-mentioned position of the Government of Japan.

Japan and Georgia oppose any attempts to change Georgia's internationally recognized borders.

These points are clearly expressed in the Joint Statement between Japan and Georgia on "Solidarity for Peace and Democracy" signed in October last year.