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## ***Press-Release***

### ***Statement of the Embassy of Japan in Georgia on the installation of the "state border" signs close to Baku-Supsa Pipeline***

**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.

Japan's such position remains unchanged on the installation of the "state border" signs close to Baku-Supsa Pipeline.

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

Above-mentioned points are clearly expressed in the Joint Statement between Japan and Georgia on "Solidarity for Peace and Democracy" signed October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by Prime Minister of Japan, H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe and President of Georgia, H.E. Mr. Giorgi Margvelashvili during his visit to Japan.