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**STATEMENT**

**by the Permanent Representative of Georgia**

**H.E. Alexander Maisuradze**

**at the 1587th Reinforced Meeting of the Permanent Council**

***Agenda item: On the future Chairpersonships for the years 2027-2029***

**Vienna, 19 November 2026**

Mr. Chair,

Let me begin by expressing our appreciation to the Swiss Chairpersonship for its continued efforts to facilitate consultations on the future OSCE Chairpersonships and to advance a process that is fair, inclusive and guided by the principles of consensus.

As the Chair has rightly noted, reaching consensus on future Chairpersonships is a shared responsibility of all participating States. It is incumbent upon all of us to safeguard the continuity, effectiveness and credibility of the Organization, particularly at a time when the OSCE faces profound challenges.

As previously stated, Georgia put forward its candidacy for the 2027 OSCE Chairpersonship with a clear understanding of the responsibility this entails and of the difficult circumstances in which the Organization operates. Our candidacy is driven by our firm belief in the OSCE's enduring relevance and indispensable role in promoting dialogue, cooperation and comprehensive security. As Chair, Georgia would seek to build on this role through a constructive and proactive approach, strengthening the Organization and enhancing its capacity to address common challenges.

Mr. Chair,

In this context, I wish to reiterate that our position is unchanged: Georgia continues to stand as a candidate for the 2027 OSCE Chairpersonship. We are ready to pursue this

candidacy with the strong sense of responsibility, openness and meaningful cooperation, guided by our shared commitment to the principles and values of the OSCE.

We remain deeply appreciative of all participating States that have expressed support for Georgia's candidacy and demonstrated confidence in our country's ability to serve the Organization. We equally remain committed to engaging constructively with other participating States, continuing consultations in a spirit of openness, responsibility and mutual respect, and working towards the necessary consensus.

We trust that, in considering the future OSCE Chairpersonship, Participating States will take into consideration their respective national interests and the best interests of the Organization, including its institutional integrity and the collective responsibility we share for its effective functioning.

Georgia has consistently demonstrated its commitment to acting as a constructive and responsible participating State, contributing to the work of the Organization and engaging in its processes in good faith. We therefore expect Georgia's candidacy and its engagement in this process to be approached in the same spirit of fairness, respect and equality. These principles must be upheld consistently and reciprocally, as they are essential to the credibility of the Organization's decision-making processes and to maintaining a spirit of cooperation among all participating States.

We believe that the way forward should be guided by our shared responsibility towards the Organization and our common interest in safeguarding its continued functioning and effectiveness.

Mr. Char, I kindly ask you to attach the statement to the journal of the day.