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TO THE PARLIAMENTS, THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRIES AND THE HEADS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

One of the greatest tragedies in human history was that the absolute majority of the Abkhaz found themselves outside their Motherland and it still disturbs the hearts and minds of our people. From one generation to another the exiles and their descendants were trying to persuade the civilized world that this historical injustice should be redeemed. But the world responded with a devastating indifference hoping, maybe, that soon the problem will be forgotten. All our letters, declarations, appeals to the leaders of the countries, the makers of destinies of the world, and to the powerful international organization remained unanswered. But forgetting or ignoring a problem does not mean solving it. No one and nothing can deprive almost one million of the Abkhaz population living in Turkey and other countries of their greatest dream of repatriation to the land of their ancestors.

After the recognition of Abkhazia and the South Ossetia by Russia and some other countries we began to hope that our voice will be heard. We perceived this Act of Goodwill as a recognition of the right of the independent and sovereign Abkhaz state to decide the fate of all Abkhaz people, no matter where they live. The real conditions for preserving the Abkhaz ethnic group were established.

Asking its western friends and in particular NATO for assistance in the restoration of the "territorial integrity" and receiving such assistance in the form of arms and training of its armed forces by military instructors, Georgia at the same time does not accept the right of Abkhazia to live and to choose friends for itself.

As citizens of the NATO-member country we do not want the power of this military organization to be in any way directed against our historical Motherland. The Turkish state happened to become a second home for many generations of the Abkhaz people who served the country faithfully and we hope that Turkey will take a fair position, independent from anyone's ambitious political interests. So far all the actions of the Abkhaz diaspora in Turkey and other countries have originated from the common sense. We realized that the escalation of the situation as within the country as outside it would be dangerous for everybody and especially for Abkhazia, which had already gone through a bloody war. May it be so, that such a caution in choosing the means of defending the interests of our historic Motherland was perceived as indifference to its fate or as a proof of our weakness? One should not be mistaken. Those who tend to reckon the Abkhaz as a small nation should also take into account the numerous Abkhaz diaspora. It should not be forgotten that hundreds and thousands of young people from all over the world came to Abkhazia during the war of 1992. Instead of trying to conquer Abkhazia, one should better be on friendly terms with it.

Those who cannot give up their revanchist sentiments should remember that the Abkhaz people knew and still know how to protect their ancient state, which revived in the XXth century. Those who incite the Georgian people to a new war are doing a terrible thing. They are the real enemies of Georgia. On behalf of the whole Abkhaz diaspora we appeal to the leaders and Parliaments of all countries of the world and to the international organizations with a request not to tolerate a new phase of escalation around the independent and recognized Abkhaz state. We hope that the calls of the Georgian leadership for the whole world to act against Abkhazia will not stifle our calls for peace and that our voice will be heard.

Yours respectfully,
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