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**Intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda**

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**Statement on behalf of the Delegation of Georgia  
by Ms. Nino Shekriladze, Counsellor  
of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations**

Dear co-facilitators,

First of all, let me express our appreciation for the final draft of the outcome document prepared by you and commend your tireless efforts to arrive where we stand today. The draft is a clear demonstration of the hard work aimed at trying to reflect all the important issues and everybody's concerns.

We are glad to see the concept of leaving nobody behind is underlined in the text. Herewith, we would like to draw your attention to the para 22 of the declaration where we speak about vulnerable sections of the population. We strongly believe that in order to make the list comprehensive, we should not forget that refugees and internally displaced persons represent an important part of the vulnerable sections of the population. To our dismay, currently 50 million people are displaced worldwide and this is the highest figure ever recorded since World War II.

Therefore, we strongly believe that in order to really leave nobody behind, the declaration must state that this part of society also experiences challenges and there is a need to respond to these challenges.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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