

Canada concerned by Syria's recognition of Georgian breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia

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Global Affairs Canada today issued the following statement regarding Syria's recognition of Georgian breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia:

"Canada strongly condemns the Syrian regime's recognition of the Russian-occupied regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia in Georgia. Russia's occupation of these regions is a clear violation of international law that infringes on Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Syria's actions challenge the rules-based international order and compromise the chances of achieving a peaceful resolution of this conflict.

"Canada unreservedly supports Georgia's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.

"Canada calls on Russia to abide by its obligations under the Ceasefire Agreement of August 12, 2008, and the Agreement on Implementing Measures of September 8, 2008. All states must respect their international obligations under the UN Charter."

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