

Dear friends,

Georgian community in Latvia «Samshoblo» would like to express its concern about Europe's attitude regarding Russia's non-compliance with the six-point treaty entered in August 2008.

Taking into consideration Russia Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's working visit to France on the 26-27th of November 2009, when the minister is planning to meet the President of France Nicolas Sarkozy, we consider it our civil duty to support the initiative of Georgian Diaspora in France and to remind about Russia's aggression against Georgia in 2008, and about the still continuing occupation of Georgia's integral territories - Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

Despite the fact that more than a year has passed since the end of the active stage of the war, Russian Federation pursues to violate fundamental principles of international law, disrespects for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and steps up its military presence on the occupied territories, which demonstrates Russia government's disregard of the six-principles memorandum, signed in August 2008 with participation of Nicolas Sarkozy, and adopted in 2008 and 2009 resolutions of Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe and recommendations of other authoritative international organizations and civil servants.

Without the international pressure exerted on Russia to protect the rights and liberties of Georgian citizens, who suffered and still suffer from Russian occupation, the problem of Georgian peaceful reintegration within its internationally recognized borders and honorable return of refugees and internally displaced people to their homes in Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia and former South Ossetia Autonomous Region can hardly be solved.

Therefore, you are kindly requested to communicate to our compatriots in France that we support their initiative of expressing indignation at Russian military politics in Georgia, and we appeal to the international community to join us in order to accelerate the process of "deoccupation" of about 20% of Georgia's territory, to provide all national groups of all its regions with the opportunity to lead constructive lives, and to prevent the division of Europe in the 21st century followed by creation of a new iron curtain.

Sincerely,

The parliament of Georgian community in Latvia «Samshoblo»