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EUMM concerned about situation in Perevi

The European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) expresses concern about the situation at the Russian checkpoint near Perevi. The Russian forces in South Ossetia have persistently refused to dismantle this checkpoint, in spite of the fact that it is clearly located to the west of the administrative boundary line of South Ossetia. Evidence on the ground seems moreover to suggest that Russian military forces will be replaced by forces of the South Ossetian de facto authorities. This would further exacerbate tensions to the detriment of the civilian population in and around the village of Perevi.

EUMM is also concerned at the reported death of a South Ossetian resident, allegedly killed by sniper fire near the administrative boundary line. EUMM regrets not having been allowed to cross the administrative boundary line in order to collect information on the ground.

EUMM calls on all sides to prevent provocations. EUMM stands ready to engage in a constructive process of confidence building with all parties concerned.

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