



Introduction by
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We at FIRST are delighted to produce this official publication to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Independence of Georgia and the 30th Anniversary diplomatic relations. The United Kingdom and Georgia enjoy a close and mutually beneficial relationship. Our two nations have built a strong and enduring friendship. Georgia is a strategic partner of the United Kingdom based on the UK-Georgia Strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. The United Kingdom is a major investor in Georgia and there are close ties in the defence and security sphere – indeed the UK remains steadfast in its support for Georgia’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.

I am confident that the United Kingdom and Georgia will continue to work closely together to address global challenges. Our relationship is based on friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation. I send my best wishes to the leadership and people of Georgia in this significant anniversary year. F

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Astor of Hever'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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