

FACT SHEET: United States – Georgia Security Cooperation Framework 2016-2019

Georgia Minister of Defense Levan Izoria and U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Dr. Michael Carpenter signed a 3-year Security Cooperation Framework to identify mutual long-term objectives, align priorities with resource planning, and develop enduring capabilities.

The Framework supports the existing **Memorandum on Deepening the Defense and Security Partnership** between our two countries, and complements Georgian defense concepts.

The U.S. Department of Defense and the Georgian Ministry of Defense identified the following overarching objectives to guide bilateral cooperation:

- Improve the self-defense capacity of Georgia's Armed Forces
- Establish effective and enduring Georgian defense institutions
- Enhance NATO interoperability of Georgian Armed Forces
- Develop professional and effective military leadership

The priorities, objectives, and requirements identified in the Framework will be reviewed and update annually during senior-level Bilateral Defense Consultations.