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Summary:

Following the events of April 9, Pavlov advises that a commission be formed to examine the situation in Georgia.

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In connection with numerous appeals by citizens and statements in the mass media regarding the events in the city of Tbilisi which were provoked by groups of extremists and led on 9 April to the deaths of people, we consider it advisable to form a commission to study the reasons and circumstances of these events for a report to the CC CPSU.

It is advisable to bring comrades into this work who have had no prior association with an investigation of this extraordinary incident.

The commission could include Cdes. G.S. Tarazevich,[i]Chairman of the Belorussian Supreme Soviet Presidium (Chairman); G.V. Sergeyev,[ii] First Deputy USSR Minister of Health; V.L. Govorov,[iii] Chief of USSR Civil Defense and Deputy USSR Minister of Defense; V.P. Pirozhkov,[iv] Deputy Chairman of the USSR KGB; N.I. Demidov,[v] Deputy USSR Minister of Internal Affairs; and O.V. Kvilitaya,[vi] First Deputy Chairman of the Georgian SSR Council of Ministers.

The candidacy of O.V. Kvilitaya as a member of the commission was per the suggestion of Cde. G.G. Gumbaridze.[vii]

A draft CC CPSU Decree is attached.[viii]

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[ii] G. V. Sergeyev, First Deputy USSR Minister of Health.

[iii] V. L. Govorov, Chief of USSR Civil Defense, Deputy USSR Minister of Defense, [General of the Army].

[iv] V. P. Pirozhkov, General-Colonel, Deputy Chairman of the USSR KGB.

[v] N. I. Demidov, General-Lieutenant of Internal Service, Deputy USSR Minister of Internal Affairs.

[vi] O. V. Kvilitaya, since March 1989 First Deputy Chairman of the Georgian SSR Council of Ministers.

[vii] G. G. Gumbaridze, First Secretary of the CC GCP from April 1989 to December 1990.

[viii] See document No. 7.