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**National Nuclear Security Administration and U.S. Customs Service Sponsor  
Nuclear Export Control Enforcement Conference in Tblisi, Georgia**

Training and expertise to identify nuclear and nuclear-related items of proliferation concern will be discussed at a conference on nuclear export control enforcement later this month in Tblisi, Georgia.

The Border Guard Force of the Republic of Georgia will host a two-day conference on nuclear-related export-control enforcement March 12-13. The U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) is organizing the conference, which is sponsored by the U.S. Customs Service.

This conference is the first in a series of post-September 11 cooperative activities being organized by the NNSA's Office of Export Control Policy and Cooperation involving enforcement officials in the Trans-Caucasus, Central Asian and the Baltics regions.

Senior-level officials in from Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Ukraine, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and the United States will attend, as well as non-governmental organizations from Azerbaijan and the United States.

Speakers from Azerbaijan, Georgia, the IAEA, Ukraine and the United States will address concerns about the transit of nuclear and nuclear dual-use materials, equipment, and technology throughout the region. Border Guard officials from Azerbaijan and Georgia will discuss proliferation-related transit threats and the means to address them.

Experts will also focus on nuclear and nuclear-related technologies and the technical expertise required to identify items of proliferation concern. U.S. export control officials will speak about the training and technologies that could make regional export control enforcement agencies more effective in intercepting commodities of potential proliferation and safety concern.

Follow-on conferences and workshops will take place throughout the Caucasus region.

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