

Georgia Ditches Base

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TBILISI, Georgia — Georgia's parliament has annulled an agreement with Russia allowing Moscow to use its territory as a transit nation to a Russian military base in Armenia.

Tuesday's unanimous vote means that a five-year agreement struck in 2006 will not be automatically renewed.

Georgia's Deputy Foreign Minister Nino Kalandadze said renewing the agreement wouldn't be "politically expedient" due to the "Russian aggression" that led to a brief war in August 2008.

The base is located in Gyumri in northern Armenia. The country last week approved a lease extension until 2046.

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