



**PERMANENT DELEGATION
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**Statement
By the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova
At the OSCE Permanent Council meeting
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Mr. Chairman,

At the Permanent Council on the 2 of February our delegation has informed this forum on the lack of progress in the negotiations rounds that took place in December 2005 and January 2006. Regretfully, I should ascertain now that the round of settlement talks in the extended format resumed in Tiraspol and Chisinau on 27-28 February was another failure. The participants to the negotiation process were again confronted with the inflexible and obstructionist position of the transnistrian delegation.

Continuously avoiding a constructive talks on the International Assessment Mission under the auspices of the OSCE, that would analyse the situation and would offer recommendations for the organisation of the first free and democratic elections in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, the Tiraspol regime hinder the efforts of the international community aimed at democratisation of this region.

We deeply regret that Tiraspol has not yet presented the information on its military units, in conformity with the Protocol of the first round of talks in the extended format from last October, without any plausible explanation. Avoiding transparency and cooperation with the mediators and observers Transnistrian leaders fuelled the lack of confidence among the parties.

Also, the discussions on the monitoring activity over the military-industrial enterprises in the region failed again. The position of the Transnistrian side on this issue is still unclear.

Mr. Charmain,

It's very frustrating that discussions on the issue on normalizing the situation in the Security Zone were ineffectual. It should be mentioned that the mediators and observers has proposed on 27 February a draft document on the settlement of the tensioned situation in the Security Zone. The Moldovan delegation supported this

initiative, but the representatives of Tiraspol regime rejected any proposals meant to improve the situation in the Security Zone.

Under these circumstances, the Moldovan delegation has proposed to the mediators and observers to continue the negotiation round on 7 of March, requesting them to undertake the joint efforts in order to achieve the positive results on the agenda issues, particularly to normalize the situation in the Security Zone and assure the free movement of persons and goods as was established at the previous round in January 2006. This issue was approached in numerous occasions in the “5+2” format, but the terms fixed for resolve this problem – 25 January 2006 and later 15 February 2006, were not observed by Tiraspol. The Moldovan delegation has been constraint to do this step due to the urgent character of the agricultural season works and the fact that the persistence of this problem could lead to escalation of the situation in the Security Zone. It is obvious that the tense situation in the Security Zone is also a consequence of the inefficiency of the current so-called peacekeeping operation.

Considering that the practice of delaying substantive discussions by the transnistrian negotiators should not be further tolerated, the Moldovan side appeal to all involved actors to use their influence and levers on Tiraspol regime in order to improve the negotiation process.

Mr. Chairman,

On the 1st of March in Chisinau took place the consultations in the format of mediators, observers and Republic of Moldova on the issue of settlement the situation in the Security Zone. The discussions conclude that additional consultations are necessary with a view to persuade the Transnistrian leaders to work in the spirit of compromise and accept a just and viable solution. In this context, the Republic of Moldova is determined to contribute actively to enhance the efficiency of the “5+2” negotiations format.

Thank you.