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STATEMENT

by Ambassador Valeriu Chiveri, Head of the Permanent Delegation
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Mr. Chairperson,

The Republic of Moldova shares the vision of the European Union on the priorities of the OSCE Chairmanship in 2011, but in my national capacity I would also like to join others in warmly welcoming Minister Ažubalis, OSCE Chairman-in-Office, to our today Permanent Council meeting and present some ideas on the Transnistrian conflict settlement.

The Moldovan authorities highly appreciate the Lithuanian Chairmanship's readiness to continue active efforts towards settlement of the protracted conflicts in the OSCE area, including the Transnistrian conflict. We welcome the appointment of Ambassador Cekuolis, a highly skilled diplomat, as a Special Representative on Protracted Conflicts and we are confident he will bring a valuable contribution to the conflict settlement process. We welcome the fact that Minister Ažubalis will pay one of his first visits, in his capacity of Chairman-in-Office, to Moldova in early February.

My country and Lithuanian Chairmanship will enjoy a rich agenda of cooperation this year. In February we expect the launching of a project on supporting the reform of the General Prosecutor Office, which will be implemented with the support of Lithuania, Latvia Estonia and Finland. There are also other ideas in discussion.

Mr. Chairperson, colleagues,

Reintegration of the country will remain one of the key-priority of the Government of Moldova. In this regard, the resumption of meaningful 5+2 negotiations is an important objective for the nearest future. We expect to keep a close cooperation with the Chairmanship and the OSCE Mission to Moldova in preparing these long

waited negotiations. We are confident that the OSCE will continue to provide all necessary assistance in promoting confidence building measures between the two banks of the Nistru River, in particular through streamlining the activity of the Working Groups.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the group of students coming from both banks of the Nistru river and express our gratitude to the Lithuanian Chairmanship for organizing this trip. We see it as a sign of Chairmanship serious engagement in promoting confidence building measures.

Mr. Chariperson,

The respect of human rights in the Transnistrian region should remain as a top issue on the OSCE agenda and we believe that the Chairmanship will bring its contribution to the speedy solution of the cases of Ernest Vardanean and Ilie Kazak, illegally detained by the regime in Tiraspol.

We should consistently insist on the withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territory of Moldova in accordance with the principles of the international law and relevant OSCE commitments. This would also serve as a major confidence building measure at regional level. We consider that transformation of the current peacekeeping operation into a multinational mission of the civilian observers under a relevant international mandate should be also on the top of our agenda.

We are looking forward to advance our discussions in the context of the Corfu Process and address the whole conflict-cycle building on the proposals made by pS. In this context we welcome the ideas reflected in the Chairmanship's Work Programme.

Finally, I would like to note that the political situation in the Republic of Moldova is stabilizing. The composition of the new Government and its program of activity is due for approval by the Parliament by the end of this week. There is an ongoing constructive dialogue within the Parliament on the President's elections and we hope the issue will be also resolved soon. This will allow Moldova to continue its path of European integration and economic development.

In conclusion I would like to wish Minister Ažubalis and his able team all possible success.

Thank you.