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3 Plus 2 Talks on Transnistria

As delivered by Chargé d' Affaires Kyle Scott
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

As one of the Observers in the “3 plus 2” talks on Transnistria, the United States is committed to a peaceful resolution of the dispute based on respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova and with a special status for Transnistria.

At the “3 plus 2” talks in Vienna last week, the Mediators and Observers reiterated that they were prepared to organize a meeting of the “5 plus 2” and they urged the sides to return to the negotiating table without precondition or delay.

They proposed holding a “5 plus 2” meeting before the Ministerial. We join others in urging the Moldova and Transnistria sides to agree. In that regard, I am very pleased to have heard the statement by the Moldovan Ambassador of his government’s readiness to participate in such a meeting without any preconditions.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.