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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TRANSDNIESTRIAN SETTLEMENT
PROCESS IN THE “5+2” FORMAT**

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the participating States of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe:

Recall the Ministerial Statement on the work of the Permanent Conference on Political Issues in the Framework of the Negotiation Process for the Transdniestrian Settlement in the “5+2” format adopted at the Ministerial Council meeting in Basel on 5 December 2014,

Reiterate their strong resolve to attain a comprehensive, peaceful settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict based on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova with a special status for Transdniestria that fully guarantees the human, political, economic and social rights of its population;

Underline the need to advance the work of the Permanent Conference on Political Issues in the Framework of the Negotiation Process for the Transdniestrian Settlement in the “5+2” format as the only mechanism to achieve a comprehensive and sustainable resolution of the conflict and the important role the OSCE plays in supporting this process. The sides should engage in it without interruption and should be represented by fully empowered political representatives;

Emphasize the need to achieve tangible progress in the negotiations on all three baskets of the agreed agenda for the negotiation process: socio-economic issues, general legal and humanitarian issues and human rights, and a comprehensive settlement, including institutional, political and security issues;

Welcome the holding of two productive meetings of the leaders of the sides during 2015 and encourage them to move the process forward;

Express satisfaction with the commitment of the political representatives to meet on a regular basis and encourage the sides to increase the continuity and effectiveness of the process by agreeing at the beginning of the year on a calendar in the “5+2” format for the official negotiations in the framework of the Transdniestrian settlement process for the whole year;

Invite the sides to implement existing agreed confidence-building measures and develop further measures in the framework of the negotiation process to the benefit of the people on the ground and further urge the sides to refrain from unilateral actions that could destabilize the situation in the region;

Call upon the mediators and observers of the OSCE, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the European Union and the United States of America to redouble their co-ordinated efforts and to make full use of their potential to promote progress in achieving a comprehensive resolution of the Transnistrian conflict.