



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on the Permanent Registration of Moldovan Schools in Transnistria

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Paul Jones
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States welcomes the July 1st decision to grant permanent registration to four Moldovan-language Latin-script schools in Transnistria. This is an important improvement in the legal status of these educational institutions.

With the receipt of permanent registration, the legality of these schools can no longer be questioned. These schools will now be free to carry out the essential task of educating the young people of the region without extra battles regarding their authority to function and to conduct basic operational transactions.

The United States applauds the efforts of the Moldovan and Transnistrian educational authorities, as well as the work of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, in bringing about this positive development.

We welcome the permanent registration of these four schools and we look forward to further constructive steps on the issues of curriculum, licenses and accreditations for Moldovan schools in Transnistria.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.