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STATEMENT

at the OSCE Permanent Council meeting in response to the address delivered by
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, H.E. Mr. Kostyantyn Gryshchenko
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Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Delegation of Moldova allow me to warmly welcome Minister Gryshchenko at this special meeting of the Permanent Council.

We welcome the desire of Ukraine to play a more significant role in strengthening security on European continent and in this context we express our interest with regards to our neighbor's aspiration to play a leading role in the OSCE. We see it as a sign of Ukraine's strong belief and adherence to OSCE norms, commitments and principles in all three dimensions.

Let me briefly refer to some ideas reflected in the statement delivered by the distinguished Minister.

First of all we fully support and share the orientation of the Ukrainian foreign policy towards European integration and its efforts to build stronger relations with its traditional partners. Moldova and Ukraine are longstanding partners and we are interested to further develop our cooperation on the basis of European values and mutual respect. We hope that the existing dynamic of our relationship will allow us to rapidly find mutually acceptable solutions of the remaining issues in the area of border demarcation and property rights. In this context we reaffirm Chisinau's readiness to have as soon as possible a meeting at the level of our Prime-ministers to discuss ways of advancing our cooperation in both bilateral and multilateral formats.

Ukraine has been playing an active role in our Corfu deliberations by sharing its views regarding our common threats and challenges, as well as the means to cope with those risks. European security dialogue within the OSCE should have a clear perspective and we acknowledge the fact that Ukraine is ready to invest its efforts in this exercise. In this context, we welcome the commitment of Ukraine to strengthen OSCE capacity in early warning, conflict prevention, resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation. The Corfu Process helped to bring this issue high on our common agenda and we should not lose momentum and start moving to the decision-making phase.

Mr. Chairman,

We welcome, having in mind, in particular, the Transnistrian case, the principled approach of Ukraine towards the resolution of protracted conflicts in the OSCE area, in full respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the affected countries in their internationally recognized borders. This is of particular importance as Ukraine is playing a significant role in resolving the Transnistrian issue. I will not elaborate too much on this subject, since the distinguished delegations will have a good opportunity to get a complex overview of the Moldovan approach this Thursday when Deputy-Prime Minister for Reintegration Mr. Victor Osipov will deliver his statement at the Permanent Council meeting. But I would like to avail of this occasion to appreciate the fact that Ukraine is involved at the highest level in the efforts aimed at relaunching official negotiations in the “5+2” format as early as possible.

In conclusion, Mr. Minister, I would like to commend the very professional work done by Ambassador Elchenko and the entire team of the Ukrainian delegation here in Vienna with which we enjoy good cooperation.

I thank you.