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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank the distinguished Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova for briefing the Permanent Council on the *Law on Fundamental Regulations of the Special Legal Status of Settlements on the Left Bank of the River Nistru (Transnistria)*, adopted recently by the Moldovan Parliament.

The Republic of Azerbaijan welcomes and fully supports this important step taken by the Moldovan authorities with a view of achieving the soonest comprehensive resolution of the conflict in the eastern regions of the Republic of Moldova on the basis of the norms and principles of international law, particularly those pertaining to territorial integrity, sovereignty and inviolability of international borders.

The legal status defined in this Law confers on the Transnistrian region the highest degree of self-rule within the Republic of Moldova in full accordance with such core principles of the OSCE and the Council of Europe as rule of law, democracy and protection of human rights.

This significant effort represents a clear sign of a good will and constructive approach on part of the Moldovan people and its Government, and is aimed at full re-integration of this country and providing normal living conditions for all of its citizens, first of all those living in the Transnistrian region. We call upon the leaders of the criminal separatist regime in Tiraspol to accept this far-reaching initiative and use the positive momentum in the best interests of the Transnistrian population.

Thank you.