



Permanent Mission of Ukraine
to the International
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Statement in response to the Report by the Head of the OSCE Mission to the Republic of Moldova Ambassador Kelly Keiderling

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Mr. Chairperson,

Ukraine fully aligns itself with the statement delivered under this agenda item by the Delegation of the European Union. At the same time, I would also like to add some remarks in the national capacity.

The Delegation of Ukraine welcomes Ambassador Kelly Keiderling back to the Permanent Council and thanks for her report.

Unfortunately, the Russian war against Ukraine remains the key factor, undermining the work of the 5+2 negotiation format. Russia has fully discredited itself as a guarantor and mediator within this format, having blatantly violated the international law by the act of full-scale military aggression against a sovereign and independent state of Ukraine – another guarantor and mediator within this format.

This aspect cannot be left aside during developing further international approaches to resolving the Transdniestrian conflict.

We praise the Mission's efforts aimed at supporting the dialogue between Chisinau and Tiraspol in the 1+1 format, as well as their commitment to solve problems peacefully. The Mission's relevant and result-oriented assistance and facilitation of such contacts in strict compliance with mandated tasks are even more important in the current Russia-aggravated regional security environment.

It is critically important that such contacts and facilitation of the Mission, gradually bring the Transdniestrian conflict settlement process closer to the final goal – the full reintegration of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognised borders with a special status for the Transdniestrian Region.

The situation with human rights and freedom of movement in the Transdniestrian Region remains alarming. We would be interested to see more details in the Mission's reports in this matter.

A large number of illegally installed Transdniestrian roadblocks in the Security Zone remains another problem. They must be dismantled.

We once again underline the urgency of the issue of the withdrawal of military units and munitions of the Moscow regime from the sovereign territory of the Republic of Moldova as Russia recommitted this at the 1999 Istanbul Summit and as it was requested by Chisinau itself on numerous occasions.

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Republic of Moldova for a very important and symbolic gesture of support – President Maia Sandu's visit to Kyiv on November 21, where she joined the people and leadership of Ukraine and the EU in celebrating the Day of Dignity and Freedom in our country.

Close cooperation and mutual support between Kyiv and Chisinau, as well as our fruitful interaction with partners, are the pillars that prevent Russia from spreading its aggression.

The issue of preserving stability in the Transdniestrian Region of the Republic of Moldova and preventing it from being potentially drawn into the Russian war against Ukraine should be kept high on the OSCE's agenda. Any Russian attempts to destabilize the political situation in the Republic of Moldova should meet a decisive and targeted reaction of the international community.

We also should exert additional pressure on Russia to provide the OSCE Mission to Moldova with the possibility to monitor and report on the situation at the munition depot in Cobasna as it was envisaged by its mandate, the scope of which was expanded by the PC Decision N°329/99.

Ukraine will always stand by the Republic of Moldova on its democratic European path of development. And regarding the Transdniestrian conflict our position has always been and will continue to be based on full respect to sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognized borders.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.