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by the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova
at the OSCE Permanent Council meeting, 16 June 2005
*(In response to Report of Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact
for South Eastern Europe Dr. Erhard Busek)*

Mr. Chairman,

The Republic of Moldova warmly welcomes Dr. Erhard Busek to the Permanent Council and thanks him for the comprehensive report.

Active participation in the regional cooperation efforts has long proved for us to be the most efficient way to advance along the European integration path. Participation in the Stability Pact's activities is an essential contribution to the implementation of the EU-Moldova Action Plan and a manifestation of the readiness to continue involvement into the South East European Cooperation Process not only as observer but as a full fledged participant.

Creation of a Single Free Trade Area and Energy Community in South East Europe are among our priorities for the current implementation cycle. Of a particular relevance for Moldova was recent completing of the exchange of the samples of customs stamps used by Moldova's customs authorities with all Stability Pact participating states, in order to unify the certification of the origin of the merchandise in the whole region.

Fighting organised crime and corruption are among challenges for the region. Moldova has aligned itself to the "Declaration of the South-Eastern Europe Ministers of Justice and State representatives on the Implementation of the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (Palermo Convention)", adopted in Sarajevo in 2003. On 17 February 2005 the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova ratified the Palermo Convention and its additional Protocols regarding the fight against trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants.

In the field of combating transnational organised crime, the Republic of Moldova has registered success as a result of participation in the activities of the Trans-border Crime Fighting Center (SECI Center) in Bucharest. This year, Moldova will coordinate an international operation in the field of money laundering in South Eastern Europe, with the participation of all SECI member states and a number of observers.

The efforts at the national level are meant to complement the regional cooperation in the given field and are conducted in conformity with the acknowledged standards. Thus, after signing UN Convention against Corruption (Merida Convention), we have started the ratification procedures. In addition, Moldova has adopted the National Strategy to Prevent and suppress Corruption and the National Action Plan for 2005 regarding the implementation of the National Strategy to Prevent and Suppress Corruption.

Moldova highly value the activities of the Pact in the field of combating trafficking in human beings, including the way coordination is being achieved between the Stability Pact and the OSCE at the regional level. In close cooperation with the Stability Pact, the OSCE, in February 2005 Moldova adopted its Law on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings.

Taking into consideration the decision that has been taken to move the Stability Pact MARRI Initiative under the of SEECP, as well as Moldova's observer status within SEEPCP, we consider important the full fledged participation of the Republic of Moldova at the MARRI activities.

Of a particular importance for Moldova was obtaining in April 2004 a full-fledged member status at the Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Initiative (RACVIAC). Moldova has already its permanent representative to the RACVIAC Center in Zagreb.

Mr. Chairman,

The Republic of Moldova is ready to continue its cooperation with the regional partners as a reliable member of the regional community. Much needs to be done in all mentioned fields and also in the areas of defense conversion, destruction of obsolete ammunition, and improving of the transportation connections. We are confident that the Stability Pact auspices close cooperation with the EU, OSCE, NATO's Partnership for Peace Programme, all interested partners are conducive to successful implementation of all projects.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Busek and his team for their activity and wish them all success for future.

Thank you.