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On the presidential elections in Moldova

Mr. Chairperson,

We should like to congratulate our Moldovan colleagues on the conclusion of the presidential election cycle.

International observers have given a positive assessment of the organization of the election. For example, in the view of the observer mission deployed by the Commonwealth of Independent States, the election in the Republic of Moldova was “free, open and competitive”. The isolated violations noted by the observers were not of a systemic nature and did not have any major influence on the outcome of the election. The Limited Election Observation Mission deployed by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) also commented on the whole favourably on the way that the election was held, despite identifying a number of shortcomings in the country’s electoral process.

In his congratulatory telegram to the President-elect of Moldova, Maia Sandu, the President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, wished her success and expressed the hope that her activities as the Head of State would foster the constructive development of relations between Russia and Moldova. That would be in the interests of our peoples.

Thank you for your attention.