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**Statement
by the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova
At the OSCE Permanent Council meeting
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Mr. Chairman,

The Moldovan Delegation has informed on many occasions this forum, during the last years, on the facts of unilateral provocative actions periodically undertaken by the Tiraspol separatist regime, particularly with regard to the activities of Moldovan police officers. We have condemned such actions as illegal detentions, administrative pressure, threats and blockages of access to villages on the left bank of the Nistru River that are under the jurisdiction of Chişinău. These actions of the separatist regime are aimed at obstructing the daily work of Moldovan policemen to maintain public order in this area.

The case of June 14, when 5 police officers were arrested in Tiraspol, is an irresponsible action and an example of aggressive voluntarism, which leads to additional tensions in the region. Moreover, the situation is aggravated by the fact that this illegal restraint and detention was committed against 4 policemen that are members of the Joint Operational Investigation Group, which works under the supervision of the Joint Control Commission. We underline that this provocative action was accompanied by a massive propaganda outburst in the media, controlled by Tiraspol' security structures. The Moldovan Authorities are deeply concerned by the inhuman treatment applied to these policemen during their illegal detention by the separatist regime. We would like to draw your attention that these practices represent a grave violation of human rights, proves once again the authoritarian character of this regime and deserves the strongest condemnation by the international community.

No wonder that on June 17, despite the so-called charges, the separatist regime was forced to release three policemen due to lack of evidence. One of the purposes of this abusive detention is to obtain pseudo-testimonies by means of psychological pressure and physical abuse, and use them against the police officers, but also for propaganda purposes.

A new dirty farce took place on June 20 when a so-called court in Tiraspol decided to extend the period of detention for the remaining two police officers, Mr. Stefan Mangyr and Mr. Constantin Condrea, for 30 days, while the representatives of the

regime had expelled both their lawyers and the members of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights from the “courtroom”. This behavior of the separatist regime is a symptomatic one and requires a firm reaction by the international community, rather than further qualifications. Let me underline again, Mr. Chairman, that the lives of these officers are under serious threat.

Mr. Chairman,

It does not come as a surprise to us that the Joint Control Commission has once again failed to discuss this issue and adopt adequate decisions in an urgent manner. The Transnistrian and Russian delegations obstructed all the efforts undertaken by the Moldovan Delegation in the JCC in order to organize a visit to the detained policemen. This case proves once again the sterility of the discussions within the JCC and points to the imperative need for the transformation of the existing so-called peacekeeping mechanism into a multinational mission under a relevant international mandate.

The Republic of Moldova calls on the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, the Permanent Council and the participants to the negotiation process to use all available tools in order to put an end to the lawlessness in the transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova and to secure an immediate and unconditional release of the police officers brutally detained by the separatist regime.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.