



**Delegation of Ukraine
to the OSCE**

Statement in Response to EU Special Representative for Moldova

Dr. Kalman Mizsei

As for delivery by Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk to the Permanent Council

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Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Ukrainian delegation, I would like to warmly welcome EU Special Representative for Moldova Dr. Kalman Mizsei and thank him for his interesting report.

With regard to the electoral process in Moldova, Ukraine has no doubts that Moldova will follow a responsible constitutional course.

On Transdnistrian settlement process, generally, we share the views expressed in the address of Dr. Kalman Mizsei and fully support the need to bring the sides back to the official negotiation table and renew the talks.

We welcome the EU's intensified activities to facilitate progress on practical issues which affect the population on both sides of the Dnister river as well as on the fundamental issues of political settlement.

Ukraine continues to do its utmost to restart the negotiations in the existing "5+2" format. Since the beginning of this year the Ukrainian side conducted on a permanent basis bilateral consultations with representatives of Moldova, Transdnistria, Russian Federation, OSCE, US and EU concerning the renewal of the negotiation process as soon as possible. In that respect, we believe that informal consultations which were held in Chisinau and Tiraspol on 20-22 September and are scheduled to continue on 27-28 September in Vienna will bring some tangible results. At the same time, creation of the climate of

trust between Chisinau and Tiraspol has to be pursued independently from the course of political settlement of the Transdnistrian problem.

On numerous occasions the Ukrainian delegation informed the participating states about its position on Transdnistrian settlement. It remains unchanged and is based on the principles of territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova with the provision of a special status for Transdnistrian region within the Republic of Moldova and securing the rights of national minorities according to the European standards.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Kalman Mizsei for his work and to wish him every success in his future endeavours.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.