



**Statement
at the 620th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
July 18, 2006**

Mr. Chairman,

Azerbaijan and Georgia, members of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, condemn in the strongest terms the plans of Transnistrian separatist regime to organize a so-called referendum in the Eastern region of the Republic of Moldova.

We consider that this unilateral decision contravenes international norms and standards and the very scope of negotiations process, as well as will complicate the settlement process.

We draw again the attention of the OSCE community on the lack of democratic institutions and illegal foreign military presence in this region of the Republic of Moldova.

We reaffirm our position that our countries will not recognize the results of such a referendum under any circumstances, and express our belief that the whole OSCE community will proceed from the same position.

We reiterate our strong support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Moldova and call upon all involved actors to undertake the adequate measures in order to resume the talks in the “5+2” format aiming at lasting settlement of this conflict.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman