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**Statement on the issue of "the presidential elections"
in the Transdnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova**

As for delivery by Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko to the Permanent Council
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Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Ukrainian delegation, I would like to add a few comments on the so called "presidential elections" in the Transdnistrian region, which were held on the 10th of December – now for the fourth time since 1991.

Ukraine, along with the international community at large, does not recognize these elections and their results and considers them invalid.

We proceed from the standpoint that these "presidential elections", as well as the recent "referendum" which took place in Transdnistria in September this year, are not consistent with international norms and standards, the principles of the United Nations and the OSCE. We therefore regard them as illegitimate and detrimental to the process of Transdnistrian settlement in general.

Ukraine wishes to re-emphasize the importance of the peaceful settlement of the Transdnistrian problem – on the basis of the principles of territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova.

In this regard, Ukraine calls for an immediate resumption of the negotiation process in the "5+2" format and the implementation of the Ukrainian Transdnistrian Settlement Plan.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.