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**PERMANENT DELEGATION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA  
TO THE OSCE**

**STATEMENT**

by the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Moldova  
at the OSCE Permanent Council meeting  
(23 April 2009)

Thank you, Madame Chairperson

We warmly welcome Ambassador Remler back to the Permanent Council and thank him for a comprehensive report, prepared in accordance with his mandate. It offers us a complex presentation of the current situation in Moldova both in political sphere and conflict resolution process.

Let me start with conflict settlement. The OSCE Mission to Moldova has undertaken a number of efforts in promoting conflict resolution, particularly, in restoring the negotiation process in the 5+2 format. We also appreciate the contribution brought by other mediators and observers to the settlement process, including former Finnish Chairmanship and current Greek Chairmanship of our Organization.

We reiterate our firm position regarding a “package solution” for the Transnistrian problem that would bring a solution to all key-issues of the conflict. A viable “package solution” can be identified only in the framework of the “5+2” negotiation format on the basis of sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova.

We regret that, up until now, due to the lack of an adequate political will of some interested players, we failed to register a real progress in the settlement process. We confirm our interest in the resumption of the negotiations at the earliest opportunity and without any preconditions in the “5+2” format which is a recognized international mechanism aimed at identification of a final and sustainable solution of the conflict.

We consider that the activity of the working groups on confidence and security building measures between both banks of Nistru can provide a better climate for the settlement process. We call for the implementation of the initiative on demilitarization of the both banks, that can provide a significant decrease of the military factor in the region and strengthen confidence in the military field.

We ask for assistance from OSCE and from those players which are participating directly in the settlement process, to promote the confidence building measures, including through the implementation of concrete social-economic projects.

Madam Chairperson

Let me now refer to the elections. As Ambassador Remler rightly pointed out, the period of time since his previous report to the Permanent Council was dominated by elections. The campaign and elections themselves were monitored by numerous international observers from OSCE, Council of Europe, CIS, European Parliament. As we informed previously, the Tiraspol authorities deprived the Moldovan citizens residing in the Transnistrian region of their constitutional right to vote. The most eloquent example is considered the case of Corjova village where the activity of the voting section was blocked.

The general conclusion of the observers was unequivocal - the elections in the Republic of Moldova were held in a democratic and transparent manner. Regretfully, some of the leaders, unsatisfied with the results of elections, tried to substitute the democratic procedure by street protests. In few hours, peaceful manifestations have degenerated into violent attacks that caused serious damage to the Office of the President and the Parliament building, as well as put under risk lives of many citizens. The Moldovan authorities qualified these events as an attempt of *coup d'état*, with certain implications of external factors, targeting democratic institutions, and acting against European principles and standards. The responsibility for these events lies on political parties who questioned the election results and the conclusions of the entire group of international observers.

Being guided by the desire to stabilize the situation and to direct political process into the constitutional framework, the Moldovan authorities stand ready for the dialogue with all political forces in the country, as well as with relevant international institutions. The authorities of Moldova will continue to undertake all necessary steps aimed at strengthening the democratic institutions, rule of law and implementation of the strategic goal of integration into the European Union.

As far as concerning allegations about ill-treatment of the detained protesters, the high-ranking representatives of the Ministry of Interior stated that such cases would be thoroughly investigated.

In conclusion, Madame Chairperson, I would like to inform that yesterday, the Constitutional Court validated the results of the parliamentary elections. We hope this decision will contribute to overcoming the political tensions.

In conclusion, we extend our thanks to Ambassador Remler and his team for their efforts in helping my country to identify adequate solutions to the problems that we are facing now. We wish Ambassador Remler and his team every success in their future endeavors.

Thank you