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DECLARATION

by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
on the initiative of Ukraine regarding the settlement of the Transdnestrian conflict

Defining the peaceful and democratic solution of the Transdnestrian conflict, the restoration of territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova, as well as the achievement of reunification of the people as an indisputable priority of the country's internal development,

Proceeding from the understanding of the importance of achieving a broad internal and international consensus on the matter of identifying ways of settling the Transdnestrian conflict,

The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova welcomes the initiative by President of Ukraine Mr. Victor Yushchenko to support the aspiration to reintegrate the Republic of Moldova and views the Ukrainian proposal as an important step designed to strengthen the territorial integrity of our state and appreciates highly the efforts toward a most rapid elimination from the Transdnestrian zone of the separatist, authoritarian, and criminal regime which undoubtedly constitutes a threat to regional security.

The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova states that the proposal by Ukraine contains a new and efficient approach toward Transdnestrian settlement – *achieving settlement through democratization*. Such an approach is capable of consolidating the international effort by democratic states in solving the conflict and activating the civil society of the Transdnestrian region in the achieving of its fundamental rights and freedoms.

At the same time the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova notes that the Ukrainian initiative does not reflect some principles of settlement, including those that deal with:

- the withdrawal of Russian troops;
- demilitarization, the principles and conditions of the region's democratization;
- the establishing of a transparent and legal control over the Transdnestrian segment of the Moldovan-Ukrainian state border;

The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova proceeds from the fact that these issues have to be resolved based on additional efforts by the international community entailing active efforts on the part of Ukraine.

The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova also notes that a series of provisions in the plan may infringe upon the sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova and raise doubts regarding the efficiency of some elements of this plan. These are the issues pertaining to the co-participation of the Transdnestrian zone in the conduct of foreign policy of the Republic of Moldova, as well as the proposal to create the so-called conciliation committee. At the same time, the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova expresses hope that some contentious points will be solve based on the

norms of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova and international law, within the framework of a constructive dialog with new democratic leaders of the Transdnistrian zone.

The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova believes that the plan for the settlement of the Transdnistrian conflict proposed by Ukraine constitutes a proof of the openness and a positive start for a development of a constructive international dialog on this issue at a level of new quality.

The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova expresses its hope that the initiative of Ukraine will become a major factor in the achievement by Moldova of its territorial and civil unity, as well as for the European prospects of our country.

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