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**STATEMENT**

by the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Moldova  
at the OSCE Permanent Council meeting  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Today, I would like to touch the issue of confidence building between both banks of the Nistru river. As it is well-known in the OSCE community, about a year ago, the Moldovan authorities launched a number of initiatives aimed at strengthening of confidence and security in the context of Transnistrian conflict settlement. All international partners involved in the negotiation process welcomed these initiatives.

With the view of practical implementation of those proposals, the Government of Moldova has created 8 working groups and elaborated a set of concrete projects focused on improvement of living standards in the region and creating a better environment for the settlement process. The removal of all obstacles on the way of free movement of people, goods and services between both banks of Nistru river, as provided in Moldovan-Russian agreement signed in 1992, has a particular importance in this sense.

Regretfully, all conciliatory initiatives based on good will have confronted with a reticent, not to say refractory, reaction from the Tiraspol *de-facto* authorities. They have demonstrated, insistently, a non-cooperative attitude and lack of real interest in this sense.

An eloquent example, in this respect, is the regretful incident that took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> of November near Lunga village in the Dubasari district. On that day, the representatives of the Transnistrian force structures denied the access of the President of the Republic of Moldova, accompanied by the Metropolitan of Chisinau and the whole Moldova, who were heading to the Presidents home-village Corjova to participate at the ceremony of consecration of a church.

It is necessary to underline that the issues related to the trip of President Voronin in the region were coordinated in advance with Tiraspol authorities. We should also mention that at the end of the previous week the transnistrian representatives were visiting Moscow, where they received positive signals in sense of not creating impediments to this visit.

It is evident that this incident shows once again lack of real political will and a conciliatory spirit on behalf of Tiraspol leaders. In this context, we call on all international actors involved in the negotiation process and all Participant States to continue their efforts aimed at determining Tiraspol regime to adopt constructive and cooperative approach. This would contribute to the strengthening confidence and security, and, implicitly, to the negotiation in a good will of an equitable and final solution for the Transnistrian issue.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman