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STATEMENT

by Ambassador Valeriu Chiveri, Head of the Permanent Delegation
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Mr. Chairperson,

It is a great honor for me to warmly welcome H.E. President Dalia Grybauskaite to our today Permanent Council meeting. This delegation fully supports the Lithuanian Chairmanship priorities and enjoys a fruitful co-operation in various fields of OSCE activity. We also share the most of the ideas expressed by Hungary on behalf of the EU.

Moldovan authorities highly appreciate the Lithuanian Chairmanship's readiness to continue active efforts towards settlement of the protracted conflicts in the OSCE area, including the Transnistrian conflict. In this respect we welcome the intention of Mme President to visit my country in the nearest future.

Reintegration of the country remains one of the key-priority of the Government of Moldova. We welcome the active involvement of Ambassador Cekuolis, Special Representative on Protracted Conflicts, in the activity of the 5+2 format, bringing a valuable contribution to the conflict settlement process. Our main goal for the nearest future remains unconditional resumption of official negotiation in the 5+2 format aimed at the final and comprehensive settlement of the Transnistrian conflict based on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova. In addition, active efforts have to be undertaken towards decreasing the military factor in the region, completion of withdrawal of foreign military forces from Moldova, as well as transformation of the current peacekeeping arrangements into a multinational civilian mission under relevant international mandate. In this respect we count very much on the support of the Lithuanian Chairmanship and other actors involved in this process.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Government continues its efforts in bringing Moldova closer to the European Union values. I would like also to express the Moldovan authorities' gratitude for the constant support provided by Lithuania to my country in this process. Lithuania is among those countries who initiated creation of the EU group of friends of Moldova, the last meeting took place yesterday in Luxembourg with participation of Minister Azubalis. In autumn, the Moldovan-Lithuanian Commission on European integration on the level of Prime-ministers is planned to be organized in Vilnius. These and other actions of support are highly valued by the Moldovan Government.

In conclusion I would like to wish H.E. President Dalia Grybauskaite every success in her future work.

Thank you.