



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

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**STATEMENT**

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*Agenda item: Any other business*

*Regarding the Elections of the President of the Republic of Moldova*

Mr. Chairperson,

We would like to inform the Permanent Council that on March 16, 2012 the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova has elected Mr. Nicolae Timofti, Chairman of the Superior Council of Magistrates, as President of the country for a four-year mandate. The results of elections were validated by the Constitutional Court on 19<sup>th</sup> of March and the official inauguration will take place tomorrow.

This important development follows almost three years of heated political debates among the main political parties. In making these elections possible, all political actors had to demonstrate their ability to take responsible decisions based on reasonable compromise. The election of President was very much expected by the Moldovan society.

This step brings the political processes in my country on the path of stability in accordance with national legal framework and our international commitments. A number of lessons should be learned to avoid similar stalemates in future and improve trust towards main state institutions.

Overcoming the political crisis will allow the authorities to continue with new energy the ambitious reform agenda aimed at advancing the European integration of the Republic of Moldova. This will also help in improving the coordination of the policies related to the settlement of the Transnistrian conflict.

We would like to express our gratitude to all the international partners who supported the Republic of Moldova during this challenging period and to confirm our continuous engagement with them.

Thank you.