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**On the early parliamentary elections in Moldova**

Madam Chairperson,

We should like to congratulate our Moldovan colleagues on the successful holding of the early parliamentary elections.

Numerous international bodies closely followed the elections. A number of them included Russian observers – for example, as part of the observation missions deployed by the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the Executive Committee of the CIS, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union of Belarus and Russia, and also the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. A majority of them assessed the election process positively.

We should like to take this opportunity to confirm our willingness to develop multifaceted co-operation with the new Parliament and Government of the Republic of Moldova. We count on the consistent implementation of existing Russian-Moldovan agreements and arrangements, and also on the continuation of Moldova's active participation in integration processes in the CIS space. We stand ready to engage with all the political forces seeking to strengthen linkages between our countries and peoples.

We are convinced that the amicable nature of the relationship between the Russian and Moldovan Governments is in the fundamental interest of our peoples, who are bound together by a shared history and close spiritual, cultural and human ties.

Thank you for your attention.