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**STATEMENT BY MR. ANDREY KELIN,
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AT THE 994th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**Regarding the postponement of the “5+2” meeting on a
Transdnestrian settlement**

Mr. Chairperson,

We noted with regret the information received from the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdnestrian settlement process, Ambassador Radojko Bogojević, regarding the postponement of the latest meeting of the Permanent Conference on Political Issues in the Framework of the Negotiation Process for a Transdnestrian settlement (“5+2” format).

We share his view as regards the importance of the intention declared by the parties to continue regular bilateral contacts between the political representatives of Chişinău and Tiraspol with the aim of finding a solution to the problems affecting the everyday lives of the people living on both banks of the Dniester.

We support the willingness of the Chairmanship to organize the next “5+2” meeting as soon as the parties reach an agreement. We trust that the obstacles that have arisen as a result of unilateral actions will be removed as soon as possible.

The main responsibility for achieving mutually acceptable solutions lies, first and foremost, with the parties to the Transdnestrian conflict themselves. We are ready to facilitate this by co-ordinating our actions with the other participants in the “5+2” format, with the aim of achieving a sustainable, just and comprehensive settlement of the Transdnestrian problem by ensuring the special status of Transdnestria in single, sovereign and neutral Moldova.

Thank you for your attention.