



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

**STATEMENT**

On the developments in the Transnistrian conflict settlement process  
957<sup>th</sup> Permanent Council, 27 June 2013

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to start by noting the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Annual Security Review Conference, we held last week, where participating States had a good opportunity to reflect on the OSCE activities in the security field, including on the strengthening the OSCE's role in resolving the existing conflicts in the OSCE area. In this regard, we share the view that serious dialogue on the protracted conflicts in the OSCE region should be given a pronounced attention in the ASRC Agenda, of course without prejudice to the Organization's work on the conflict cycle. We hope this will not become a tradition eroding our determination to make tangible progress in conflict resolution.

Having said this, Mr. Chairperson, I would like to inform the Permanent Council about certain worrying developments in the Transnistrian conflict settlement process.

As we have pointed out in our previous statements the situation in the Security Zone is of permanent concern for us due to a number of unilateral actions undertaken by the Transnistrian side. In the same line with other destructive actions, a few weeks ago the legislative body in Tiraspol has adopted a so-called law "on the border of Transnistria". This document has entered into force two days ago. In its statement from 11 June 2013, the Government of Moldova has already expressed its concerns with the fact that despite the existing documents and agreements on Security Zone, the Transnistrian leadership has chosen the approach based on unilateral actions triggering confrontations. Formally, Tiraspol has been supporting the freedom of movement of people, goods and services. At the same time, it remains unclear to us how the freedom of movement can be promoted through establishing new "borders" and raising new political, economic and administrative barriers between the two banks of the Nistru River.

The Moldovan authorities have launched consultations on this matter with the international actors involved in the settlement process aimed at preventing any kind of actions that might destabilize the situation on the ground. In this regard, we particularly welcome the statements delivered by Ukrainian Chairman in Office, Minister Leonid Kozhara, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign

Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton and the United States of America. We expect the same approach from other actors involved.

Given these developments, last week the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova has held hearings on the current situation in the settlement process of the Transnistrian conflict. The Parliament has adopted a declaration, which was brought to the attention of participating States under reference nr. SEC.DEL/169/13 from 26 June 2013. Let me go briefly through the key messages from this document:

- Chişinău is fully attached to the principle of political settlement process through peaceful means;
- The implementation of the confidence-building measures should be continued in order to eliminate suspicions and resolve urgent issues;
- The Moldovan side calls on all participants to the 5+2 to maintain dialogue on the whole range of issues, including security and public order/law-enforcement, as well as reiterate its appeal to refrain from any unilateral actions;
- Chişinău confirms its readiness to engage with Tiraspol in further dialogue to find constructive solutions to the existing problems related to the freedom of movement;
- International actors are invited to join their efforts in order to stabilize situation in the Security Zone, while local population is encouraged to keep calm and have no involvement in any provocations. Moldovan side will do its utmost to prevent or resolve peacefully any tension in this area;
- Chişinău recalls the Dublin Ministerial statement on the negotiation process in the 5+2 format, in particular the provisions on a comprehensive, just and viable settlement of the Transnistrian conflict with respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova and elaboration of a special legal status for Transnistrian region.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Statement of the Parliament shows firm support to the principle of finding solutions only through a constructive dialogue. We hope it will bring a positive impetus to the negotiation process. We count on international partners involved – the OSCE, European Union, the Russian Federation, the United States and Ukraine - in making full use of their potential to promote progress in the conflict resolution.

Thank you