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STATEMENT

**by the Republic of Moldova in response to the address
by the Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe,
H.E. Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign and European
Affairs of Belgium
(1044th Permanent Council, March 12, 2015)**

Mr. Chairperson,

We warmly welcome H.E. Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs of Belgium and thank him for his insightful presentation. While aligning to the EU Statement, allow me to make some brief remarks in my national capacity.

The Republic of Moldova welcomes the priorities and activities **promoted** by the Belgium Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and attaches great importance to the fundamental values shared by the OSCE and the Council of Europe, such as **Democracy, Human Rights and the Rule of Law**.

We have been particularly supporting the focus of the Belgian Chairmanship in advancing the on-going reform of the Council of Europe. In this respect, **the upcoming High-Level conference on “Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights: our shared responsibility”**, to be held in Brussels later this month will provide an excellent opportunity to adopt a **political declaration** that will give a fresh impetus to the reform process launched in 2010. Indeed, the key factors in strengthening the effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights system are ensuring the sense of **shared responsibility** for the implementation of the Convention as well as full and timely execution of the rulings of the ECHR.

In recent years, the Court has adopted a number of important decisions relevant for the issues we are dealing with, at the OSCE, in particular the case of *Catan and others versus the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation*, related to ensuring the right of education of children in their mother tongue in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova. Remaining concerned by the delays in the implementation of the Court's judgments in this case, we expect that the ECHR's decisions on this issue will generate a conducive environment for a lasting solution for the normal functioning of the Moldova-administered Latin script schools in the Transnistrian region.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, let me thank once again Deputy Prime Minister Didier Reynders for sharing with us his thoughts and to wish him every success in future endeavors.

Thank you.