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RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AT THE 983rd MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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In response to the statement by the delegation of Moldova

Mr. Chairperson,

We have taken note of the information provided by the delegation of Moldova regarding yesterday's incident in the Security Zone involving the director of the lyceum in Tiraspol.

As far as we can ascertain from reports in the media, an inquiry is under way prompted by a minor traffic incident. During the subsequent investigation it transpired that the director of the lyceum was carrying a large sum of money in excess of the amount that is allowed to be brought into Transdnistria without declaration.

As for the situation with the Moldovan peacekeepers in the Joint Peacekeeping Forces, we believe that this is a matter for the Joint Control Commission to investigate. Until all investigations have been completed we believe that it would be premature to express any opinion or to draw any further conclusions.

We reserve the right, if necessary, to return to this question at future meetings of the Permanent Council.

Thank you for your attention.