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Statement delivered by H.E. Cristian Istrate, Ambassador of Romania, at the meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council of February 6th 2014 on the Latin script schools from the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova

Romania fully subscribes to the statement that was delivered on behalf of the European Union. In my national capacity, I would like to draw the attention of the OSCE Permanent Council to the press releases issued yesterday and this morning by the President of Romania and by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

The President of Romania considers the treatment of the schools as unacceptable and the detainment of the school representatives and confiscation of the money meant to pay the salaries of the teachers as a provocation aimed at increasing tensions in the separatist region of Transnistria.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania firmly condemns the detainment on the February 5th by the so-called Transnistrian authorities of the Director of the Lucian Blaga high schools from Tiraspol and of two other employees, on the basis of false accusations. The incident is part of a larger series of actions of pressure put by Tiraspol on the eight Latin script schools in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, which have lately grown in intensity.

The Romanian authorities will further remain in contact with the authorities of the Republic of Moldova and will continue to make efforts via all available diplomatic channels, in order to stop the actions of intimidation and to rapidly solve the problems of the eight Latin script schools.