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

STATEMENT

by the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Moldova
at the OSCE Permanent Council meeting in response
to Foreign Minister Cristian Diaconescu
(30 April 2009)

Madam Chairperson,

We listened with great attention the address of Mr. Minister Diaconescu to the Permanent Council, where he touched upon several important issues in all three dimensions, thus, reflecting the comprehensive approach towards security which is the one of the main characteristics of our Organization.

Taking into account the assessments and the concerns expressed by Minister Diaconescu with regard to the unresolved conflicts in the OSCE area, and the transnistrian conflict, in particular, we would like to underline the following. The Republic of Moldova consequently supports the strengthening of the OSCE role in prevention and settlement of the conflicts. We can not, but, agree with the statement that the real value of confidence building measures stands in their capacity to generate progress in the peaceful conflict resolution processes. In this regard, we reiterate the firm position of the Moldovan authorities to identify a final and lasting solution for the transnistrian problem in the framework of the 5+2 negotiation format, on the basis of sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova. We look favourably at the idea of upgrading the role of the European Union and USA to the level of full-fledged mediators in the negotiation process. The well-known position of the Republic of Moldova regarding CFE Treaty and relevant commitments undertaken at the OSCE Istanbul Summit remains unchanged.

Madam Chairperson,

The Republic of Moldova will continue to move forward on the way of integration into European Union and peaceful reintegration of the country.

Thank you.