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## STATEMENT

by the Republic of Moldova  
on resumption of negotiations in the “5+2” format  
(1104<sup>th</sup> Permanent Council, June 9, 2016)

Mr. Chairman,

We share the positive assessment expressed by previous delegations with the resumption of the 5+2 official talks in Berlin on June 2-3, 2016 after a two years suspension. We would like to use this opportunity to provide some thoughts on the outcome of the meeting.

On a general note, we welcome the resumption of the 5+2 talks. The meeting itself provided an opportunity to review the current state of affairs in the settlement process of the Transnistrian conflict. The main issues addressed in the meeting referred to the apostilisation of diplomas issued by academic institution from the Transnistrian region, identification of a practical solution that would give Transnistrian vehicles access to the international road traffic, restoration of the telephone communication between the two banks of the Nistru river, developing cooperation in the area of environment etc. The meeting concluded with the signing of a Protocol that outlines participants' commitment to continue efforts in reaching solutions on above mentioned issues prior to the Bavarian Informal Conference on Confidence Building Measures (CBMs), scheduled for the mid of July.

The delegation of the Republic of Moldova has advocated for practical solutions that would improve the living conditions of people on both banks of the Nistru River and would be consistent with the international undertaken commitments. Any future agreed solutions should contribute to the settlement of the conflict by increasing interaction between communities on the two banks of the River. From this perspective, we expect mediators and observers to facilitate interaction and assisting sides in reaching practical solutions. The Republic of Moldova remains committed to continue dialogue with all relevant stakeholders in a constructive manner in order to register concrete results in the activity of the Working groups.

We expect that the meeting in Berlin will generate the necessary political impetus and will pave the way towards a sustainable, reliable and future oriented process of the conflict resolution. Following this meeting, we hope that the up-coming Bavarian Conference on CBMs will create a favorable platform to discuss and identify creative solutions on most pressing issues on the agenda and will help advance the settlement process on a more structured and substantive talks.

Mr. Chairman,

The discussions in Berlin have reconfirmed the difficulties in resolving many technical issues without having a clear political prospective. Therefore, we deem it important to initiate negotiations on political, institutional and security elements of the settlement process. This would be consistent with the last four OSCE Ministerial Council statements on the 5+2 negotiations that underlined the need to achieve tangible progress on all three baskets of the negotiation's agenda and to solve the conflict based on the respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova.

Before concluding, we would to thank the Special Representative Ambassador Clodt Meier-Klodt for his tireless efforts in moving forward the Transnistrian settlement. We, also, express our sincere gratitude to the German OSCE Chairmanship for hosting the 5+2 meeting in Berlin and preparing other up-coming events.

Thank you.