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STATEMENT

by the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Moldova at the OSCE Permanent Council meeting (2 April 2009)

Madam Chairperson,

We thank the European Union for its statement. We took note of the Second Interim Report prepared by the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission, which is currently monitoring preparations for the upcoming parliamentary elections.

We would like to mention that the Interim Report confirms that the electoral campaign is pluralistic, and the Central Electoral Commission works in a transparent and professional way.

The Moldovan authorities noted the observations reflected in this Report. In this context, we would like to confirm our determination to conduct the elections in accordance with relevant OSCE norms and standards.

It is also important to highlight that the Central Election Commission, at its meeting held on 31st March, issued an appeal addressed to the Government, Office of the President of the Republic of Moldova, Joint Control Commission, the Delegation of the European Commission in Moldova, EU Special Representative for Moldova, the OSCE Mission, the Embassies of the Russian Federation and Ukraine. In this appeal, the Central Election Commission has called on the mentioned actors to bring their contribution in providing appropriate conditions for conducting elections in Corjova village, Dubăsari district, as well as to prevent any provocative actions from Tiraspol separatist regime. In this context, it is relevant to recall that the parliamentary elections in 2005 were conducted in Corjova without any serious shortcomings.

Thank you