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Special Session: Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in light of recent developments with respect to Ukraine.

Mr. Chair,
Dear Colleagues,

First of all, I would like to join the previous speakers and warmly welcome H.E. Minister Klimkin to the Annual Security Review Conference and congratulate him with the assumption of the position of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. We wish you Mr. Minister every success in your activity in a challenging period for the country. We would like, also, to thank our keynote speakers for a first-hand insight into the situation in Ukraine, which is extremely valuable for our today's discussion.

Mr. Chair,

The Republic of Moldova supports the peace plan proposed by President of Ukraine, Mr Poroshenko and views it as a comprehensive initiative not only covering urgent measures aimed at de-escalation in the Eastern part of Ukraine, but also providing long-term steps addressing core political issues.

Since the very beginning of the crisis, the Republic of Moldova has been supporting the efforts aimed at finding a peaceful solution of the crisis in and around Ukraine that would preserve the unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty of the country. In this sense, Moldova condemns and will not recognise the annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation. We believe that the unilateral announcement of cease-fire by Ukrainian government is a very important step forward that provides space and creates momentum for negotiations. It is also a sign of political will and commitment on behalf of Kiev. We hope that all parties involved will respect the cease-fire as agreed during the latest talks.

Mr Chair,

On a more general note, I would like to reiterate that respect for territorial integrity, inviolability of borders and sovereignty of Ukraine should be at the basis of any solution.

The OSCE plays an important role in Ukraine through the activity of the Special Monitoring Mission and political mediation. Impartial and fact-based reporting on the real situation remains extremely needed during the crisis. We appreciate the efforts by the Ukrainian authorities in cooperation with the OSCE aimed at preventing destabilization in other regions of Ukraine. We condemn the detention of the eight monitors of the SMM and call for their immediate release. We would support assistance by the OSCE in implementation of the Ukrainian peace initiatives.

I would like to bring your attention to a number of specific issues in relation to the crisis in Ukraine and other relevant developments.

First, we are concerned with the inflow and uncontrolled circulation of arms in the zone of conflict. Possession and use of *heavy combat equipment* by the irregular armed groups is particularly worrying and raises serious questions not only about their origin and ways of delivery, but also about the future of this uncontrolled and unaccounted weaponry.

Second, crisis in Ukraine has implications for the Transnistrian conflict resolution. We are committed to work closely with Ukraine both on mitigating the *risks*, including those related to the situation on the Transnistrian segment of the Moldovan-Ukrainian border, and also on the *ways* to advance the political resolution of the Transnistrian conflict.

Third, we hope that a positive and compromise-based solution will be found soon in the gas dispute between Russia and Ukraine. Energy security in Europe, in particular in the Eastern Europe countries, which are heavily dependent on limited number of sources, should be ensured through safe gas deliveries and a reasonable and transparent price policy.

Mr. Chair,

In conclusion, on behalf of the Moldovan Government I would like once again to thank H.E. Minister Klimkin for being with us today and to wish him every success in fulfilling difficult tasks that lie ahead of Ukraine in this period of time.

Thank you.