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PERMANENT DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA TO THE OSCE

STATEMENT by the Republic of Moldova announcing the presidential elections (1110th Permanent Council, July 21, 2016)

Mr. Chair,

We would like to inform the Permanent Council that the Presidential elections are to take place in the Republic of Moldova on October 30, 2016. In line with the Copenhagen commitments, the Republic of Moldova wishes to invite observers from the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the OSCE participating States and Partners for Cooperation to observe these elections if they so wish. The relevant invitations were sent out.

We are thankful to the ODIHR for quick positive response to the above mentioned invitation, including for deploying the Need Assessment Mission to Chisinau on July 11 -14, 2016. The Moldovan authorities remain committed to provide the maximal cooperation to the OSCE/ODIHR team in fulfilling their mission and will take all necessary steps that the upcoming presidential elections are conducted in full conformity with international norms, standards and commitments as well as national legislation.

Thank you.