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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  
(1 November 2007)

Mr. Chairman,

At the Permanent Council meeting on 18 October, I have informed the Participating states on several initiatives launched by the President of the Republic of Moldova, Vladimir Voronin, in the context of transnistrian settlement process. On this occasion, I would like to come back to this subject and to provide some updates on the steps, that have been undertaken by the Moldovan authorities with a view to implement these proposals.

On October 24, the Moldovan Government has adopted a special decision regarding practical realization of the initiatives related to the confidence and security building measures in the transnistrian conflict settlement. By this decision, 7 sectorial working groups were created, each of them having a concrete list of tasks, including the elaboration of the projects together with the representatives of the transnistrian region. These groups will be dealing with:

- economy and commerce;
- infrastructure development;
- issues related to the railway;
- social problems and health protection;
- education and science;
- demilitarisation and security strengthening;
- humanitarian assistance.

All participants to the conflict resolution process, in particular, the transnistrian region, will be duly informed about these groups.

In the same context, I would like to express several considerations with regard to the seminar on confidence and security building measures, organized by the OSCE Mission to Moldova on 22 – 23 of October, in Odessa. In the framework of this seminar, for the first time since February 2006, an informal “5+2” meeting took place, with the participation of representatives of all actors involved in the conflict settlement. I would like to remark, that during the discussion on the initiatives launched by the Moldovan leadership, the representative of the Tiraspol, Mr. Litskai, has expressed a certain level of interest towards joint projects in the economic, infrastructure and even military spheres. The Minister of Reintegration of Moldova, Mr. Vasile Şova, and his transnistrian counterpart came to an agreement to meet again in November, to discuss the possibilities of implementation of the joint projects. We should mention, in this sense, that the joint projects on infrastructure, for example, could include the building of European roads on the segments situated in the transnistrian region (Chisinau – Dubasari –

Platonovo and Chisinau – Tiraspol – Kuciurgan), as it is stipulated in the National Development Plan of Moldova for the years 2008 – 2011.

We also consider it relevant, to inform the Participating states that in a recent interview, the President of Moldova drew a special attention to the issue of guaranteeing the property rights to the persons and companies from the transnistrian region, as well as criticised the illegal “land reforms” promoted by the Tiraspol regime. The head of state has also referred to the draft law on the recognition of property in the Transnistrian region that has been elaborated by the Government of Moldova. The mediators and observers were informed about that. We consider that this law can be adopted in package with the special legal status of the transnistrian region on the basis of sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova

Mr Chairman,

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that the practical implementation of the initiatives mentioned above will allow advancing in the political negotiation process and will contribute to creation of the favourable conditions for achieving the final political settlement. The Moldovan authorities would highly appreciate any support from the Participating States in this regard.

Thank you, Mr Chairman