



**PERMANENT DELEGATION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA  
TO THE OSCE**

**STATEMENT**

by the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Moldova  
in response to the CiO Special Representative Ambassador Ch. Christopoulos  
(30 April 2009)

Madam Chairperson,

We warmly welcome the Special Representative Ambassador Christopoulos back to the Permanent Council and thank him for his informative report. We express our gratitude to the Greek Chairmanship, and in particular Ambassador Christopoulos, for the efforts undertaken with a view of promoting the Transnistrian settlement process. In this context, we thank the Special Representative for his visit to Moldova as well as for convening recent meeting of mediators and observers in the negotiation process.

We highly appreciate the support offered to the promotion of confidence and security building measures as part of the settlement process, which should improve the life conditions of the local population and create a better climate for meaningful negotiations in the "5+2" format.

We reiterate our firm position to identify a final and lasting solution for the transnistrian problem in the framework of the 5+2 negotiation format, on the basis of a complex approach and with respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognised borders.

We welcome the efforts undertaken by the Greek Chairmanship in promotion of the initiative on demilitarisation and confidence building in the military sphere, in particular through the organization, in close future, of a special seminar with the participation of all interested actors. The Moldovan side expresses its readiness to take an active part in this event, which, hopefully, will be followed by concrete practical steps.

We also thank for the understanding and support in preparing and holding parliamentary elections in the localities situated in the Security Zone, especially in Corjova village, as it was in the year 2005. Regretfully, despite the efforts undertaken by the Moldovan authorities, elections in this village were brutally disrupted by the Transnistrian regime.

In this context, we attach great importance to the elimination of all existent obstacles that hamper free movement of persons, goods and services, as it is stipulated in Moldovan-Russian Agreement from 1992.

We would also like to highlight the significant contribution of the EU Border Assistance Mission to the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in the process of conflict settlement through strengthening the border control and reducing the risks generated by unconstitutional regime in Tiraspol. In conclusion, we express our determination to continue fruitful cooperation with our Ukrainian partners and the EUBAM, as well as stress the importance of prolongation of the EUBAM mandate after 1 December 2009.

Thank you.