



United States Mission to the OSCE

Moldova's Parliamentary Elections

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The United States welcomes Moldova raising this issue and congratulates the people of Moldova on their July 11th early Parliamentary elections. We echo the OSCE's preliminary findings, which noted the elections were well administered and competitive, and fundamental freedoms were largely respected. We urge Moldovan authorities to address concerns raised by the OSCE in its report, including enhancing the full impartiality of the Central Election Commission and ensuring effective campaign finance oversight, in addition to addressing the insufficient legal framework to regulate electoral dispute resolution.

We are committed to strengthening our partnership with Moldova based on shared democratic values, and we look forward to working with the new government to deepen our bilateral relationship.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

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