



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to the Report by the Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, Ambassador Kelly Keiderling

As delivered by Deputy Chief of Mission Timothy Hanway
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Ambassador Keiderling, dear Kelly, welcome back to the Permanent Council for your final appearance. Thank you for your principled Mission leadership and your detailed report.

The United States supports a peaceful and comprehensive settlement of the Transnistria conflict that respects Moldova's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. We applaud your Mission's work to facilitate dialogue between the sides while the formal 5+2 process remains on hold.

We also appreciate your Mission's support of Moldova's European integration process, efforts to combat antisemitism, outreach to people across the country, including in the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia, as well as your engagement to secure the release of three political prisoners from the left bank.

Ambassador, we recognize the burden that six-month mandates place on your Mission and its ability to conduct its work efficiently. We support a full-year extension when the Permanent Council considers this matter in June. Unfortunately, this Mission – like all other field missions, the Secretariat, and the independent institutions – faces significant operational difficulties due to severe financial constraints. The inability of participating States to adopt a Unified Budget has placed undue strain on all field missions' abilities to effectively carry out their mandates, affecting everything from staffing and resources to program implementation. We urge all participating States to join consensus to adopt the Unified Budget as soon as possible. We should immediately adopt the 2025 Unified Budget and put the organization on stable footing.

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