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by the Delegation of Moldova also on behalf of Georgia at 642nd meeting of the
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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of Georgia and the Republic of Moldova, - the member states of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM.

As known, the GUAM countries has expressed before serious concern over a so-called referenda in the transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, as well as in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

The recent so-called elections in the transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, on December 10th, 2006, were held in a completely undemocratic atmosphere and their results can not be recognised. Such counterproductive actions demonstrate the unwillingness of the separatist leaders to identify a lasting political solution to the transnistrian problem in the framework of the negotiation process and have a negative impact on the population of the region.

We have already expressed our serious concern over a so called “independence referenda” in South Ossetia/Tskhinvali region of Georgia. In addition to it our governments condemns the statements issued on December 6, 2006 by the State Duma of the Russian Federation, namely “on the results of the independence referendum and the presidential elections held on November 12, 2006 in South Ossetia” and “on the appeal of the parliament of republic of Abkhazia to the President of the Russian Federation and Federal Assembly on the recognition of the independence of the republic of Abkhazia and the establishment of associated relations between the Russian Federation and the republic of Abkhazia”. The statements made by the State Duma of the Russian Federation are in complete contradiction with the position of the international community. Through such biased approach the Russian State Duma not only puts under serious doubt the role of Russia as an impartial mediator and facilitator, but also undermines the moral and legal basis for the presence of Russian peacekeepers in the conflict zones. The statements of the Russian Duma once again confirm the necessity of the internationalization of the conflict resolution process in South Ossetia/Tskhinvali region of Georgia.

We therefore welcome the statements of the OSCE Chairmanship, the European Union, as well as the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and statements of the overwhelming majority of OSCE states, which decidedly refused to recognise the results of these referenda in accordance with common OSCE principles.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.