



Statement By the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova at the OSCE Permanent Council meeting 23 November 2006

Mr. Chairman,

On November 8, 2006 the United State's Millennium Challenge Corporation Board of Directors announced its decision to select the Republic of Moldova, along with Ukraine and Jordan, as an eligible country for development assistance from the Millennium Challenge Account.

The Moldovan Government views the Millennium Challenge Corporation decision as an appreciation of its efforts undertaken in pursuing structural economic and democratic reforms, as well as of its commitment to good governance.

The Republic of Moldova is grateful for the continuous support offered by the US Government and wishes to particularly mention in this connection a close cooperation with the Millennium Challenge Corporation team, USAID and the US Embassy in Chişinău in developing the country's Threshold Plan of anti-corruption activities.

The Moldovan Government perceives the implementation of the Threshold Plan and of the Compact assistance as complementary and mutually reinforcing processes in its endeavor to reduce poverty and ensure economic growth in the country.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman