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Statement by Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova
in response to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
H.E. Mr Arseniy Yatsenyuk

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Mr Chairman,

GUAM Member States – Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova – warmly welcome the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine H.E. Mr. Arseniy Yatsenyuk to the OSCE Permanent Council and thank him for offering the Ukrainian perspective of the work of the OSCE. Ukraine is our important regional partner, a good neighbour and a reliable friend. Our special partnership has been a driving force behind strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation in all spheres. We are committed to maintaining mutually beneficial long-term relations.

Our countries share the Minister's vision of the role of our Organization in addressing the most pressing challenges to security across the region. Conflict prevention and resolution lay at the heart of OSCE's collective effort.

We greatly value Ukraine's contribution to the promotion of peaceful settlement of the "frozen conflicts" in the GUAM and the OSCE area based on the recognized norms and principles of the international law. GUAM's common position on those fundamental principles remains unchanged. In this context, we do highly appreciate the participation of Ukraine as a mediator in the settlement of the Transnistrian conflict as well as its active involvement in ensuring the security on the border with Moldova in close cooperation with EU Border Assistance Mission.

Mr Chairman,

On the 21st anniversary of the accident at the Chornobyl nuclear power station, GUAM Member States honour the victims of the Chornobyl catastrophe and call for strengthened regional and international cooperation to address the long-term consequences of the worst technological disaster of the past century.

Mr Minister, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova extend their full friendly support for Ukraine's efforts in consolidating democracy and pursuing European course.

In conclusion, we would like to sincerely wish Minister Yatsenyuk every success in his challenging tasks ahead.

I thank you, Mr Chairman.