



STATEMENT BY THE TURKISH DELEGATION

In Response to the Report by Ambassador Jennifer Brush Head of Mission to Moldova (1002nd Permanent Council, 29 May 2014)

Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

We join the previous speakers in warmly welcoming Ambassador Brush back to the Permanent Council and would like to express our thanks for her comprehensive report and excellent Powerpoint presentation.

Just three weeks ago during her address to the Permanent Council H.E. Natalia Gherman, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova reaffirmed how the 5+2 Talks were the main venue for political negotiations on the Transnistrian issue. She also drew attention however to the lack of substantive progress within the process in recent months. We hope this trend is reversed in the upcoming round.

The principles adopted at the 1999 OSCE Istanbul Summit establish the groundwork for the process. Our expectation is to see the concerns of all parties addressed in light of these principles, and within the framework of respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova.

We believe that unlimited access for all members of the Mission to all regions is a most important prerequisite for the proper discharge of the Mission's monitoring, observation and reporting role. Also in light of the alarming information Ambassador Brush gave us, Turkey calls once again on all stakeholders to adopt a constructive, cooperative and conciliatory approach in order to progress towards a positive outcome.

We welcome the Mission's efforts to encourage direct contacts between the Sides. We also appreciate the Mission's efforts towards expanding the capacity of civil society, enhancing media freedom, gender mainstreaming and combat against trafficking in human beings. And we commend the work of the Mission in other areas such as the rule of law and the continuation of "Human Rights and Democratization Programme".

I want to thank Ambassador Brush who apparently appears for the last time before the Permanent Council, and her staff for the dedicated and efficient work they have been doing.

Before concluding by wishing every success to Ambassador Brush in all her future endeavors, we also want to express our determination to further develop the already excellent relations and steady cooperation we entertain with Moldova and I am pleased to note that our resolve in this direction received a significant boost with Prime Minister Leanca's recent successful visit to Turkey.

Thank you.