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Calling on the Parties of the Transnistrian Settlement for Restraint from Unilateral Actions

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly to the Permanent Council, Vienna June 27, 2013

The United States supports the June 17 statement by OSCE Chairperson-in-Office Ukrainian Foreign Minister Leonid Kozhara regarding the Transnistrian authority's so-called legal act on its border. We support the negotiating process within the 5+2 format and call on the sides to adhere to earlier agreements on freedom of movement, and to make progress in light of the next round of 5+2 talks, to be held in Vienna on July 16 and 17.

The United States strongly supports efforts to promote a peaceful settlement of the Transnistria conflict—a settlement that respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Moldova and provides a special status for Transnistria.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.