



United States Mission to the OSCE

Right of Reply to the Russian Federation on Transnistria/Moldova

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Russia’s ongoing use of the Permanent Council to spread disinformation and perpetuate its provocations against yet another participating State is an affront to us all.

The United States strongly supports Moldova’s sovereignty within its internationally recognized borders. We also support a peaceful and comprehensive settlement of the Transnistria conflict that respects Moldova’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, and that fully guarantees the human rights and fundamental freedoms of its population, as well as their political, economic, and social rights. The OSCE Mission’s facilitation role, including to promote dialogue between the sides, remains essential.

We call for the Moldovan authorities to have unfettered access to Moldova’s Transnistrian region, including to investigate reported incidents involving Moldova’s airspace in connection with Russia’s war against Ukraine. We also encourage the OSCE Mission to Moldova to monitor and report on the situation in the Security Zone.

The United States will continue to support Moldova on its chosen path towards democratic reform and further European integration.

Russia is the only nation that is undermining Moldova’s sovereignty. We call on Russia to follow through on commitments made in Istanbul in 1999 to withdraw its forces from Moldovan territory in accordance with Moldova’s request.

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