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## **STATEMENT**

by the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova  
at the 544<sup>th</sup> meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council meeting, 10 February 2005  
(*On the situation in the security zone*)

Mr. Chairman,

Recalling the last week's discussion on Moldova, I would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the document distributed by the Chairmanship on 7 February 2005. This is the message of Moldovan Foreign Minister Andrei Stratan addressed to the Chairman-in-Office Minister Dimitrij Rupel. The Foreign Minister of Moldova expressed his concerns over the worrying recent developments in the Security Zone that could eventually generate the escalation of the conflict. The transnistrian regime's provocative acts are all the more disturbing in the context of the electoral process in the Republic of Moldova. The Minister reiterated our adherence to peaceful political means of conflict settlement and stressed that the Moldovan authorities could not be indifferent to the inaction of the so-called peacekeeping forces in connection with the precarious security situation within the area of their responsibility.

Under the circumstances, the Moldovan Foreign Minister appealed to the Chairman-in-Office to send at the earliest a group of international observers to the Security Zone in view of monitoring the existing situation and contributing to its stabilisation.

The Moldovan authorities would welcome any suggestion from the Chairmanship in this respect and would be grateful to the participating states for contributing to this effort.

Thank you.