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OSCE Chairman-in-Office says OSCE will not recognize Transdniestrian independence referendum

BRUSSELS, 20 July 2006 – The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, issued a statement saying that the OSCE will not recognize the referendum on independence called for 17 September by the Supreme Soviet of the Transdniestrian region of Moldova.

In a press statement, he said that the OSCE does not support and has no plans to observe a unilateral referendum which calls into question the territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova.