



**PERMANENT DELEGATION  
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**STATEMENT**

by Ambassador Valeriu Chiveri, Head of the Permanent Delegation  
Permanent Council, 9 December 2010

Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

On behalf of the Moldovan delegation I would like to thank those delegations who addressed the issue of the recent Parliamentary elections in my country.

As it has been already mentioned, on November 28, 2010 the Republic of Moldova held early parliamentary elections. We consider the elections were conducted in a transparent and democratic manner. Voter turnout was reported to be 59.10% of the registered voters.

According to the final results of elections, four political parties entered the Parliament:

- Party of Communists – 39,32% or 42 mandates;
- Liberal Democratic Party – 29,42% or 32 mandates;
- Democratic Party – 12,72% or 15 mandates;
- Liberal Party – 9,96% or 12 mandates.

The joint Press-release issued by the International Election Observation Mission noted that the early parliamentary elections “met most OSCE and Council of Europe commitments”. According to the Mission’s Press-release, “Moldovan media provided a broad range of political views and election information. Civil and political rights were respected during the election campaign”. International observers gave also a positive assessment to the activity of the Central Electoral Commission which was operating in a transparent and impartial manner and was enjoying the confidence of political parties.

On December 7, the Central Electoral Commission presented the protocol on election results to the Constitutional Court for validation. The Constitutional Court has ten days to decide on the validity of elections.

Complementary to positive evaluations, international observers outlined a number of concerns identified during the electoral campaign. In this respect, I would like to express the Moldovan authorities' determination to carefully analyze the final report and address those issues.

Mr. Chairperson,

At this stage, the four political parties are engaged in active political consultations aimed at forming a governing coalition. As this was the case with previous elections, parties that will participate in the future coalition will also have to agree on a formula to elect the country's president.

We are grateful to all our partners for encouraging Moldova's democratic journey. We are confident that these efforts will lead to political stability in Moldova. Statements made by political leaders show that regardless of the configuration of the future coalition, European integration and peaceful settlement of the Transnistrian conflict will remain key-priorities of the Republic Moldova.

Finally, we would like to express our high appreciation for the ODIHR assistance in conducting and monitoring the mentioned elections. We stand ready to continue this cooperation in order to improve the legal framework in accordance with European democratic standards.

Thank you.