



**Delegation of Ukraine  
to the OSCE**

**Statement in response to the Head of the EU Border Assistance Mission  
on the Ukrainian - Moldovan Border**

As for delivery by Mr Oleh Herasymenko, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ukraine,  
to the Permanent Council  
12 June 2008

Mr. Chairman,

Like previous speakers, I would like to warmly welcome General Ferenc Banfi and thank him for his interesting and detailed report.

As we evaluate the role and the results of the European Union Border Assistance Mission activities since its foundation more than two and a half years ago, we can say with full confidence that a good number of practical results has been achieved. Due to the EUBAM, we managed to improve the situation at the Ukrainian-Moldovan border and to create a more effective and modern system of control and border security. Now we can state that a new and unique experience of cooperation between the EU countries and Ukraine and Moldova has taken roots and proved to be successful.

Joint operations of the Ukrainian and Moldovan law-enforcement authorities, which were conducted at the initiative of the Mission, promoted practical cooperation between the two countries' agencies and with the European Union in raising the level of their operational interaction and in countering organized crime at the border.

Mr. Chairman,

Due to the strict adherence to the commitments of the Joint Declaration on the unified customs regime at the Ukrainian-Moldovan border, signed by the Governments of Ukraine and Moldova in December 2005, now the Transdnistrian companies can enjoy greater opportunities for the legitimate

trade as they have wider access to the world markets. Ukraine is determined to continue to fulfill its obligations under this joint agreement.

I would also like to make a particular emphasis on the Mission's work in the sphere of training border and customs services' personnel which allowed to significantly enhance the professional level of the Ukrainian servicemen.

Using this opportunity, I want to thank the European Commission for the assistance rendered to us and particularly for the adequate information to the European community on our commitment to the stabilization of the situation in the region and enhancement of the border control. Let me assure our European partners (and we ask to convey this message to Brussels) that the money of the European taxpayers are well spent and effectively serve a good and useful cause.

Mr. Chairman,

Ukraine highly appreciates the participation of the EUBAM Mission in the Ukrainian-Moldovan Joint Demarcation Commission. Launching the process of the demarcation of the Ukrainian-Moldovan state border at its central (Transdnistrian) segment would be of paramount importance for the border security in the region. Moreover, it will bring a new positive political impetus to the process of the Transdnistrian settlement. Therefore, we are looking forward to a more proactive position of our Moldovan partners and the Mission on this particular issue.

Finally, let me reiterate that cooperation with the EUBAM and its activity in Ukraine represents an integral part of our state policy vis-à-vis the European Union as a whole.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.