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STATEMENT

by the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova at the 555th OSCE Permanent Council meeting, 12 May 2005 (On the Situation in the Security Zone)

Mr. Chairman,

The Moldovan authorities highly appreciate the attention attributed by the Chairmanship to the situation in the Security Zone in the Republic of Moldova.

The close monitoring of the Zone by the OSCE Mission to Moldova is an everyday necessity, therefore the consolidation of the Mission's personnel seems to be rather urgent in order to render more efficiency to the Mission's efforts.

The situation around the village of Dorotskaia continues to aggravate, in spite of the efforts undertaken at all levels. The local population is being denied its right to free movement and property. As a result of the planned hostilities by the separatist regime towards the population only in 2005 the losses of the local farmers are amounting to 1,5 mil Euros. If measures are not undertaken immediately, the whole agricultural year is lost for a considerable proportion of the population. In this case the consequences as far as the security situation is concerned, become quite predictable.

As we informed earlier, the Moldovan Delegation to the Joint Control Commission has raised the issue on numerous occasions, only to witness resistance by the transnistrian side to all attempts aimed at stabilising the situation. The local administrative leaders have appealed to the mediator states and the OSCE to get involved and stop the irresponsible actions by the transnitrian side. At the same time they expressed dissatisfaction with the activity of the Joint Control Commission.

Mr. Chairman,

We are again expressing the hope that those who possess the means of influencing the transnistrian regime, would rather be involved at this stage, in order to prevent eventual hostilities at a larger scale.

Thank you.