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**Joint statement by France, Germany and Romania
at the 1383rd Meeting of the Permanent Council on 21 July 2022**

Mr. Chairperson,

We would like to inform the OSCE Permanent Council about the *Second Ministerial Meeting of the Moldova Support Platform*, which took place in Bucharest, on 15 July 2022, co-hosted by the foreign ministries of France, Germany and Romania. The Conference was a *follow-up* event to the inaugural conference organized in Berlin, on April 5, 2022.

The Ministerial Conference in Bucharest was attended by Ministers and high-level representatives from 32 States and 12 international organizations, including international financial institutions. We thank the OSCE Secretary General and the Coordinator for Economic and Environmental Activities and the Head of the OSCE Mission in Moldova for their contributions to the joint efforts put together at the Conference in support of the Republic of Moldova.

The Government of Moldova laid out the manifold challenges and serious risks facing the country, as a result of Russia's war of aggression against neighbouring Ukraine: a humanitarian emergency, triggered by the large inflow of refugees and a deterioration of Moldova's already difficult socio-economic situation. Against this difficult background, Moldova has remained committed to pursuing comprehensive, far-reaching reforms, notably to strengthen the rule of law, to fight corruption and to build strong and efficient institutions.

In this context, the Bucharest Conference has taken important steps towards:

1. mobilizing additional immediate assistance for the Republic of Moldova. Overall, the Berlin and Bucharest conferences have generated more than 1 billion EUR in support of the Republic of Moldova.
2. better articulating and streamlining our collective resources to assist the Republic of Moldova to, *inter alia*, overcome the current and mid-term challenges (energy security, management of refugees, border security); as well as to continue the structural reforms, for instance in the areas of rule of law, anti-corruption, public administration reform and public finances management.

Moreover, the conference was an opportunity to reiterate the firm and continuous support to Moldova's European agenda and integration process, based on own merits and the fulfilment of necessary steps and conditions.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Bucharest Conference represented another step towards establishing the Platform as a permanent, efficient, inter-governmental frame of reference for mobilizing, concentrating and coordinating our assistance to the Republic of Moldova. The participants agreed to come together again, in Paris, before the end of the year.

Thank you.