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United States Mission to the OSCE

Visit of the Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office for the Transnistrian Settlement Process

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The United States welcomes the recent visit of the Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office for the Transnistrian Settlement Process, Ambassador Radojko Bogojević, to Moldova. We share his views that convening the next round of 5+2 Talks on the Transnistrian conflict as planned in Vienna on September 10 and 11 would send a positive signal about the potential for decreasing tensions.

The rising tensions along Ukraine's border with Moldova's Transnistrian region and the lack of transparency into the activities of the military force in that region underscore the need for the OSCE Mission in Moldova to have unrestricted access to all of Moldova in order to fulfill its mandate and provide unbiased reporting on the situation on the ground. We hope that all the participants of the 5+2 Talks, and the Special Representative, will make it a priority to address this issue, and facilitate full implementation by the Mission of all activities provided for in its mandate, including regular, unhindered patrols throughout all of Moldova.

The United States remains committed to working with other partners in the 5+2 framework to find a comprehensive settlement that respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Moldova and with a special status for the Transnistrian region.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.