

## Austrian Chairmanship

### REINFORCED MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL ON MOLDOVA (294th PLENARY MEETING)

1. Date: Monday, 17 July 2000

Opened: 10.35 a.m.  
Suspended: 1 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.45 p.m.  
Closed: 4.30 p.m.

2. Chairpersons: Ms. J. Stefan-Bastl  
Mr. H-P. Glanzer

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: FOLLOW-UP ON PARAGRAPH 18 OF THE ISTANBUL  
SUMMIT DECLARATION

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/18/00), Moldova (PC.DEL/398/00) (Annex), Russian Federation, France-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/401/00), United States of America, Switzerland, Romania, Canada, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan and Ukraine), Ukraine (PC.DEL/400/00), Norway

Agenda item 2: FOLLOW-UP ON PARAGRAPH 19 OF THE ISTANBUL  
SUMMIT DECLARATION

Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, Head of the International Assessment Mission (PC.DEL/399/00), Moldova, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/394/00), France-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/401/00), United States of America, Ukraine, Switzerland, Germany (PC.DEL/395/00), Romania,

United Kingdom, Canada, Norway, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan and Ukraine), Poland, Spain, Denmark

Agenda item 3: CONCLUSIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson, Moldova

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 20 July 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Redoutensaal



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Annex

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Interpretative Statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of the  
Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the Delegation of Moldova:

The Delegation of the Republic of Moldova, taking into account the firm opinion of the overwhelming majority of the States represented in the “Friends of Moldova” group, of the Austrian Chairmanship and of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, has agreed to invite the representatives of the Transnistrian region to participate, within the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova, at the reinforced meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council.

This gesture of goodwill constitutes an additional proof of the flexible and conciliatory position displayed by the Moldovan authorities during the entire process of negotiations with the separatist region aimed at a final settlement of the conflict.

At the same time, by inviting the representatives of the secessionist regime to participate in today’s meeting, the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova insists, by virtue of the principle of State sovereignty, on its legitimate right to represent the entire country and to speak on its behalf. By involving the Transnistrian region in the conduct of Moldovan foreign policy, in accordance with the provisions of the Moscow Memorandum of 8 May 1997, the Moldovan authorities strongly believe that the inalienable rights of a subject of international law must be respected. However, the Tiraspol leaders continue to pursue their secessionist policy, claiming the establishment of a “common State” consisting of two equal and sovereign State entities.

The Delegation of the Republic of Moldova would like to emphasize that the presence of the representatives of the separatist region at today’s meeting represents an exception to the rule and, therefore, should not constitute a precedent to be invoked in the future or in the case of other conflicts in the OSCE area. The Moldovan authorities hope that the participating States share their concern regarding this particular situation and are aware of the responsibility that lies with the OSCE community in this respect.

The Delegation of the Republic of Moldova requests that the present statement be attached to the Journal of the day.