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In response to a current issue raised by the Republic of Moldova

The European Union has taken note of the statement by the Republic of Moldova. We will return to this matter next week after having studied it in detail.

The European Union supports a peaceful and comprehensive settlement of the Transdnestrian conflict based on respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognized borders with a special status for the Transdnestrian region.

The European Union welcomes the progress made in the Transdnestrian settlement process, in particular during the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship last year, and we hope that the parties will demonstrate the political will needed for this positive dynamic to continue under the Italian Chairmanship, whose efforts we support.

The Vienna Ministerial Council decision emphasizes the output-oriented approach of the talks in the “5+2” format, which we support.

The candidate countries Montenegro¹, Serbia¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Georgia and San Marino, align themselves with this statement.

1 Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.