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## **STATEMENT**

by the Republic of Moldova in response to the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group

(1094<sup>th</sup> Special Permanent Council, April 5, 2016)

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to join other speakers in thanking the German Chairmanship for convening today's Special meeting of the Permanent Council. We also thank the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference Ambassador Andrzej Kasprzyk and the Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group Ambassador James Warlick for their address on the latest developments in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone.

The Republic of Moldova is seriously concerned with the increased military activities and escalation of violence along the line of contact of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone. We are particularly worried with the reports on the use of heavy weapons, which resulted in numerous civilian casualties and deaths.

We join the international community in calling on sides to immediately end the fighting, exercise self-restraint, adhere to a true cease-fire and engage in negotiations on the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The Republic of Moldova reiterates its full support to the activity of the Minsk Group and its Co-Chairs in reaching a political resolution of the conflict in accordance with the norms and principles of the international law, in particular respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states as well as relevant UN Security Council resolutions and OSCE decisions.

Thank you.