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Javier Solana comments on the appointment of an EU Special Representative for Moldova

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), made the following comments on the occasion of the appointment by the Council today of Mr. Adriaan JACOBVITS DE SZEGED as European Union Special Representative for Moldova:

"I am pleased that, upon my recommendation, the Council appointed today Adriaan Jacobovits as EU Special Representative for Moldova. The creation of this post further illustrates the EU's growing engagement in this important country in our immediate neighbourhood. Ambassador Jacobovits will in particular seek to contribute to a peaceful settlement of the Transnistria conflict. I look forward to working with him. He will have all my support."

The Council took the political decision today to appoint Mr. Adriaan Jacobovits de Szeged as European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Moldova. The decision follows the Council's stated wish to play a more active political role in Moldova and the recent adoption of the EU-Moldova European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) Action Plan by the EU-Moldova Cooperation Council on 22 February 2005.

Ambassador Jacobovits de Szeged, born in 1935, has been Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman in Office for Moldova in 2002-2003. He also served as Ambassador of the Netherlands to the United States of America, Permanent Representative to NATO, Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Director General for Political Affairs. Previous postings in his diplomatic career included Moscow.

Annexe: background information and cv of Adriaan Jacobovits de Szeged

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ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

The European Union Special Representative will contribute to the implementation of the EU's policy objectives in Moldova, which include:

- *to contribute to a peaceful settlement of the Transnistria conflict and to the implementation of such a settlement on the basis of a viable solution, respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognized borders;*
- *to contribute to the strengthening of democracy, rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all citizens of the Republic of Moldova;*
- *to promote good and close relations between the Republic of Moldova and the EU on the basis of common values and interests and as set out in the ENP Action Plan;*
- *to assist in the fight against trafficking of human beings and of weapons and other goods, from and through Moldova;*
- *to contribute to strengthening stability and cooperation in the region;*
- *and to enhance EU effectiveness and visibility in the Republic of Moldova and the region.*

To further these objectives, the EUSR will strengthen the EU contribution to the resolution of the Transnistria conflict in accordance with agreed EU policy objectives and in close coordination with the OSCE. He will represent the EU through appropriate channels and in agreed fora and develop and maintain close contacts with all relevant actors. He will assist in the preparation, as appropriate, of EU contributions to the implementation of an eventual conflict settlement and follow closely political developments in the Republic of Moldova, including in the Transnistrian region, by developing and maintaining close contacts with the Government of the Republic Moldova and other domestic actors. He will offer as appropriate the EU's advice and facilitation, and assist in the further development of the EU's policy towards the Republic of Moldova and the region, in particular regarding conflict prevention and conflict resolution.

For the purpose of the fulfillment of his mandate, the EUSR will maintain an overview of all EU activities, notably the relevant aspects of the ENP Action Plan.

The EUSR will act under the authority and operational direction of High Representative Solana and will support his work in Moldova and the region.

The Joint Action establishing the formal legal basis for the appointment of the EUSR will be adopted in the coming days and will initially apply until 31 August 2005. The EUSR will take up his duties immediately after the adoption of the Joint Action.



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Appointment of an EU Special Representative for Moldova

The Council adopted today, by written procedure, a Joint Action creating the position of EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Moldova and appointing Mr Adriaan JACOBVITS de SZEGED to this position¹.

The EUSR's mandate will be to:

- strengthen the EU contribution to the resolution of the Transnistria conflict in accordance with agreed EU policy objectives and in close coordination with the OSCE;
- assist in the preparation, as appropriate, of EU contributions to the implementation of an eventual conflict settlement;

¹ The Council had reached a political agreement on the appointment on 16 March 2005 (see S112/05, 16 March 2005).

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- follow closely political developments in the Republic of Moldova, including in the Transnistrian region, by developing and maintaining close contacts with the Government of the Republic of Moldova and other domestic actors, and offer as appropriate the EU's advice and facilitation;
 - assist in the further development of the EU's policy towards the Republic of Moldova and the region, in particular regarding conflict prevention and conflict resolution.
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