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MOLDOVAN PARLIAMENT'S DECLARATION ON UKRAINIAN
INITIATIVE TO SETTLE TRANSNISTRITIAN CONFLICT

The parliament of the Republic of Moldova believes that identifying a peaceful and democratic solution to the Transnistrian conflict, and achieving the unity of the people are the undisputable priorities of the country's internal development.

The Moldovan legislature is aware of the importance a large interior and international consensus has in the identification of ways to settle the Transnistrian conflict.

Therefore, the parliament of the Republic of Moldova hails Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko's initiative to back Moldova's efforts of territorial reintegration. The parliament highly appreciates Ukraine's offer, which it considers to be an essential step towards strengthening Moldova's territorial unity, and removing the separatist, authoritarian and criminal regime, from the Transnistrian region as soon as possible, because it obviously threatens the regional security.

The parliament of the Republic of Moldova ascertains that Ukraine's proposal includes a new and effective approach to the settlement of the Transnistrian issue, and particularly achieving the settlement through democratisation. This approach can tighten the international efforts of all the democratic states in order to solve the issue, and determine the civil society in the Transnistrian region to make sure they can use their fundamental human rights and freedoms.

At the same time, the parliament of the Republic of Moldova mentions that the Ukrainian initiative does not see some settlement principles, including:

- withdrawal of Russian troops;
- demilitarisation, principles and conditions of Transnistria's democratisation;
- setting up of a legal and transparent control over the Transnistrian segment of the Moldovan-Ukrainian border.

The parliament of the Republic of Moldova considers that these problems have to be solved through additional efforts of the international community along with Ukraine's dynamic efforts.

The parliament of the Republic of Moldova also notices that some aspects of the plan can prove injurious to Moldova's sovereignty, and raise questions over the efficiency of some of its elements. Among them there is the idea of Transnistria's participation in the promotion of Moldova's foreign policy, and the one referring to the creation of a conciliation committee.

Nevertheless, the parliament of the Republic of Moldova expresses hope that some of the elements arising doubts will be solved on the basis of the Moldovan constitution and international right, as well as within a constructive dialogue with the new democratic leaders in the Transnistrian region.

The parliament of the Republic of Moldova considers that Ukrainian plan on the settlement of the Transnistrian conflict is an eloquent proof of openness and positive beginning of a qualitatively new-level international constructive dialogue over these issues.

The parliament of the Republic of Moldova voices hope that Ukraine's initiative will become a major factor in achieving the reintegration of our state and society, and Moldova's European prospects.