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PARLIAMENT'S STATEMENT ON PRINCIPLES AND CONDITIONS TO  
DEMILITARISE MOLDOVA'S TRANSNISTRIAN REGION

Parliament reaffirms the commitment of the Republic of Moldova to observe the international documents on security and control over weaponry and disarmament.

Taking into account the provisions of the 24 March 2005 Moldovan Parliament's Declaration on political partnership to meet the European integration goals, and particularly the principles regarding the identification of a peaceful, democratic and final solution to the Transnistrian issue, and realizing that the military factor of the Transnistrian problem challenges the national and regional security, the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova calls on the OSCE, the EU, the CE, the USA, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Romania, to assist remove threats represented by the military factor of the Transnistrian conflict, by demilitarising the region through joint efforts of the international community.

Taking into consideration article 11 of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, the parliament reaffirms that no foreign armed forces can be deployed on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, which is a neutral state.

On the basis of this constitutional provision, and being convinced that the international community has a special interest in a quick settlement of the Transnistrian conflict, the parliament of the Republic of Moldova sets the following conditions indispensable to the demilitarisation of the Transnistrian region:

1. The Russian Federation concludes by end-2005 the withdrawal and the liquidation of the Russian military armament, and the withdrawal of the Russian military forces from the territory of the Republic of Moldova.
2. The Russian Federation and the Republic of Moldova will agree that the military units, which were deployed in the Moldovan security zone under the Moldovan-Russian agreement from 21 July 1992, have already achieved the set goals, and are going to be gradually reduced and completely withdrawn from Moldova by 31 December 2006. Over this period, on the basis of a Moldovan appeal to the OSCE, the existing peacekeeping operation will be gradually and completely transformed into an international mechanism of military and civil observers, which will work on the basis of an OSCE mandate, while the 1992 Moldovan-Russian agreement will lose its force. The International Military and Civil Observers Mission under the OSCE mandate will work in Moldova until a final political settlement of the Transnistrian Conflict is reached.
3. The Republic of Moldova commits to propose within the NATO Partnership for Peace Programme, and fulfil through the International Military and Civil Mission the dissolution of the strong-military units in the region, the writing off of the military technologies and armament, the social rehabilitation and the re-qualification

of members of the illegal Transnistrian military formations.

4. The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova expresses its willingness to ratify the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, which represents the fundamental element of the European security, only after the Russian Federation meets the (1999 OSCE Summit) Istanbul commitments on withdrawing completely, immediately and transparently the army and armament from Moldova, including the military units and weapons deployed in Moldova on the basis of the 1992 Moldovan-Russian agreement.

The parliament of the Republic of Moldova adopts the present statement and will submit it to the OSCE, the EU, the CE, Russia, Ukraine, and Romania, in order to obtain the necessary support to effectively carry out the demilitarisation of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, and to take joint efforts to strengthen regional security, stability, and assure a long-lasting democratic stability in this part of Europe.