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Message of congratulation by President Barroso to Mr. Vlad Filat, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova

"On behalf of the European Commission, I wish to congratulate you on your appointment as Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova.

This is a critical moment for your country. Following the mandate that you have been given by the Moldovan Parliament, I am looking forward to your pursuing the needed political and economic reforms which will bring your country closer to the EU.

With this in mind, you can count on the European Commission's continued support in dealing with the difficult challenges ahead, for the benefit of the Moldovan citizens.

Let me extend to you my personal wishes of success in working towards further deepening of the relations between your country and the European Union."