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Remarks by Catherine Ashton, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, after her meeting with Vladimir Filat, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova¹

We have had a very useful and timely discussion with Prime Minister Filat. We discussed EU-Moldova relations and the importance for your country to find a solution to the current institutional deadlock. Above all, Moldova needs functioning institutions able to work together to realise its ambitions as a European country.

As regards EU-Moldova relations, we looked at our achievements in the last year and over the past few months and discussed plans for the future. A lot has been achieved in a short time. The innovative and ambitious Association Agreement that we are negotiating will bring the EU and Moldova closer to each other through political association and economic integration.

We share a common vision about the necessary reforms which are critical to ensure Moldova's prosperity and stability in the long term. The European Union will continue to support Moldova in its reform efforts (the more Moldova does, the more we can do).

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**Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the
European Union on the alignment of certain third countries
with the Council Decision 2010/573/CFSP concerning
restrictive measures against the leadership of the
Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, as amended
by Council Decision 2011/171/CFSP**

On 27 September 2010, the Council adopted Council Decision 2010/573/CFSP¹. The Council Decision renews travel restrictions on certain persons in the Republic of Moldova.

On 21 March 2011, the Council adopted Council Decision 2011/171/CFSP². The Council Decision renews travel restrictions on certain persons in the Republic of Moldova.

This declaration is made to announce that the following countries have declared that they share the objectives of Council Decision 2011/171/CFSP: The Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia*, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, and Montenegro* the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

They will ensure that their national policies conform to this Council Decision.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

¹ Published on 28.09.2010 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 253, p. 54

² Published on 22.03.2011 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 76, p. 62

* Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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On 6 April 2011, the European Union and the Republic of Moldova held the second round of human rights dialogue in Chisinau (06/04/2011)

The dialogue at expert level was held in a friendly, open and constructive atmosphere, reflecting Moldova's commitment to achieving tangible improvements in human rights protection.

The dialogue allowed for an exchange of views on the human rights situation both in the Republic of Moldova. In particular, the talks focussed on: judicial system reform; fight against torture and the conditions in places of detention, fight against all forms of discrimination; the rights of children and the reform of electoral code. Several areas of future cooperation and for further in-depth discussion were identified. The EU took note of Moldova's dedication to comply with its commitments under international law, the ENP Action Plan and the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan. The EU reiterated its readiness to continue supporting Moldova in this reform process.

The EU and the Republic of Moldova discussed human rights cooperation within international organisations, in particular at the UN, the OSCE and the Council of Europe.

The EU delegation was led by Ms Riina Kionka, Head of Division for Human Rights Policy Guidelines, European External Action Service. The delegation of the Republic of Moldova was led by Mr Oleg Efrim, Deputy Minister of Justice.

In keeping with the EU's practice of incorporating the voice of society into its meetings on human rights with third countries, the EU met with representatives of Moldovan and international NGOs prior to the consultations.

In the margins, the EU delegation discussed anti-discrimination legislation with the Metropolitan Vladimir of Moldovan Orthodox Church and Metropolitan Petru of Bassarabia Orthodox Church as well as with the members of the Parliamentary Human Rights Committee.

On 5 April, the EU delegation exchanged views with the Parliamentary Advocates Anatolie Munteanu and Aurelia Grigoriu on the functioning and recent activities of the Centre for Human Rights.

In the context of a worldwide EU campaign against the violence against women, the EU delegation visited a shelter "Casa Marioarei" for women victims of violence on 7 April 2011.



**COUNCIL OF
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**EU - REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA COOPERATION
COUNCIL, THIRTEENTH MEETING
EU Press release**

The Cooperation Council welcomed the positive dynamics in EU - Republic of Moldova relations and the developments achieved since its last meeting in June 2010. In this context, the Cooperation Council stressed the opportunities provided by the Eastern Partnership, including its multilateral dimension.

The EU welcomed Moldova's European aspirations and commitment to the goals of political association and economic integration, and underlined its determination to move forward with concrete measures to ensure that reforms in the Republic of Moldova can be sustained and yield tangible results for the population.

The Cooperation Council recalled the importance of respecting democratic standards and the rule of law, and of creating an atmosphere of inclusiveness, in finding a way out of the current political stand-off about the election of the next President of the Republic of Moldova. The EU welcomed the positive assessment of the November 2010 parliamentary elections by the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation, and expressed expectation that the local elections of June 2011 will show further progress towards compliance with international standards.

The Cooperation Council also expressed satisfaction at the good progress made in negotiations on the future EU-Moldova Association Agreement. It reviewed the state of play towards the start of negotiations on a deep and comprehensive free trade area, and the recent achievements in bilateral co-operation the areas of aviation, research and energy. It also stressed the value of deepening sectoral cooperation to sustain structural reforms in the Republic of Moldova.

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The EU expressed appreciation for the Moldovan Government's comprehensive reform programme, and its pro-active consultations with the EU and other donors on how best to assist such reforms. At the same time, the EU stressed the importance of implementing and deepening the reforms initiated in the past years, with particular respect to the fight against corruption; the improvement of the business climate; and comprehensive reforms in the area of justice, freedom and security.

The EU expressed full support for the Moldovan Government's efforts to meet its international commitments to macro-economic stabilisation. It welcomed the release of the third tranche under the IMF Extended Credit Facility/Extended Funding Facility Arrangements and announced its intention to launch the preparatory steps for a second disbursement of EU macro-financial assistance.

The EU welcomed Moldova's strengthened cooperation in the area of foreign and security policy. It also stressed its increased engagement in the Transnistria settlement efforts, including through continued EUBAM support and confidence-building measures. It recalled its efforts in support of the resumption of official settlement talks, exclusively in the internationally recognised "5+2" format.

The EU was represented by Mr. Zsolt Németh, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Hungary and Head of the European Union Delegation and Mr. Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy. Prime Minister Vladimir Filat led the Moldovan delegation.



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