

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1999



2004

Session document

15 December 2003

B5-0558/2003

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled for the debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

by Helmuth Markov

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

on Moldova

PE 339.914

B5-0558/2003

European parliament resolution on Moldova

The European parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Moldova;

A. whereas within the process of break-up of the Soviet Union not only the 15 Republics strived for independence but also several autonomous regions or ethnic groups within the Republics,

B. aware of the difficulties the people of Moldova have been facing since the independence and during the process of economic and social reforms,

C. whereas Transdniestria, where most part of the population is composed of non-Moldovans, has declared independence in 1992, thereby destabilising the whole Moldovan republic,

D. whereas the Moldovan government has offered to work together with Transdniestria in a joint constitutional commission, involving the Council of Europe and the EU as observers, in order to draw up a new constitution for a reunited Moldova before February 2004,

E. whereas the meeting between the Ukraine, Russia and the OSCE on 24 and 25 September 2003 in Zagreb didn't succeed in giving a new impulse to the constitutional process;

F. whereas Russia decided to put forward a second peace plan themselves on 17 November 2003, proposing a demilitarised federation in which Transdniestria would have a special status; a plan that was in the end rejected by the Moldovan government,

G. whereas most of the ministers taking part in the 11th OSCE ministerial council would like to provide an OSCE mandate for a multinational peace consolidation mission and unarmed observers,

1. Calls on the Moldovan government to respect democratic principles, fundamental rights and human rights including minority language rights;

2. Considers that the Transdniestrian conflict has contributed for a large part to the instability of the whole country;

3. Supports the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Moldova as the basis for any peaceful solution of the conflict;

4. Welcomes the establishment of a joint constitutional commission;

5. Welcomes the position of most of the ministers taking part in the 11th OSCE ministerial council to provide an OSCE mandate for a multinational peace consolidation mission and unarmed observers;

6. Urges the governments of Romania, the Ukraine and Russia to refrain from any unilateral interference into Moldova's internal affairs, but to work together with the OSCE, and the Council of Europe in order to establish a stable and peaceful development of all countries in the region;

7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission, the government of Moldova, the government of Romania, the government of the Ukraine, the government of Russia, the Secretary General of the OSCE and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.