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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on statements by the Council and Commission

pursuant to Rule 103(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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European Parliament resolution on Transnistria

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Moldova,
- having regard to Rule 103(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Neighbourhood Policy recognises Moldova's European aspirations and the importance of Moldova as a country with close historical, cultural and economic links with the EU Member States,
- B. whereas within the framework of European Neighbourhood Policy an Action Plan has been prepared, which should include proposals aimed at encouraging the political and institutional reforms which will enable Moldova to integrate progressively into EU policies and programmes,
- D. whereas, after two bloody years of civil war which caused hundreds of deaths, the situation is still extremely serious and Moldova is forced to accept the rule of an illegal government on part of its own territory,
- E. whereas the 'referendum' in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova which took place on 17 September 2006 contradicts the internationally recognised sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova,
- F. whereas the deployment of the EU Border Assistance Mission marks an important step in the development of cooperation between the EU and the Moldovan and Ukrainian authorities in the fight against weapons trafficking, smuggling, organised crime and corruption,
- 1. Expresses its strong support for the efforts of the Moldovan people to establish a fully functioning democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights in their country;
- 2. Considers that the Moldovan Government has not been able to stabilise the economy and establish more democracy, while noting that the Transnistrian conflict has to a large extent contributed to the instability of the whole country;
- 3. Considers that the situation in Transnistria does not allow the free expression of the popular will and points out that the EU has reiterated that it recognises neither the 'referendum' nor its outcome;
- 4. Calls upon the mediators and observers in the OSCE-led 5+2 talks to make public statements to the same effect;
- 5. Stresses that the EU fully supports Moldova's territorial integrity and calls on both parties to the conflict to return immediately to the negotiating table in the 5+2 format and work

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towards a speedy and transparent solution of the Transnistria conflict;

- 6. Recalls the Council proposal for joint crisis management, and stresses that Russia carries a great responsibility for the situation in the region;
- 7. Calls on Russia to reaffirm its commitment to the territorial integrity of Moldova and to withdraw its military forces from Moldova in accordance with its OSCE commitments; stresses the need to fully respect the right of every state to seek to develop its relations with other states and organisations; rejects foreign policies aimed at creating spheres of influence;
- 8. Hopes that the EU Border Assistance Mission will contribute to wider efforts to find a viable and sustainable solution to the Transnistria conflict;
- 9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the parliaments and governments of the Member States, the Government and President of the Republic of Moldova, and the Parliamentary Assemblies of the OSCE and the Council of Europe.