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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Commission

pursuant to Rule 132(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the state of play of the EU-Moldova cooperation
(2022/2651(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on the state of play of the EU-Moldova cooperation (2022/2651(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Eastern Partnership countries and on the Republic of Moldova,
 - having regard to its resolution of 20 October 2020 on the implementation of the EU Association Agreement with the Republic of Moldova¹,
 - having regard to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, on the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, on the other part², which includes a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area and which fully entered into force on 1 July 2016,
 - having regard to Rule 132(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Republic of Moldova submitted its application to join the EU on 3 March 2022 and subsequently provided answers to the EU's questionnaire only 11 days later; whereas the Republic of Moldova shares the same values, and is part of the European community and of our common European future;
- B. whereas the Republic of Moldova has been disproportionately affected by the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, mainly because over 440 000 refugees have arrived in the country since the invasion began, but also due to lost trade and increased energy and transport prices;
- C. whereas Russia is in de-facto control of the Moldovan breakaway territory of Transnistria, with at least 1 500 troops on the ground, supplemented by a further 5 000 soldiers of the so-called Armed Forces of Transnistria; whereas on 22 April 2022 Major General Rustam Minnekayev, acting commander of Russia's Central Military District, stated that one of the goals of the ongoing Russian invasion is to create a land corridor to Transnistria;
- D. whereas on 25 and 26 April 2022 a number of security incidents took place in Transnistria, including a grenade attack on a state security ministry building in Tiraspol and an explosion that damaged a radio mast in the village of Maiac; whereas the head of the breakaway Transnistrian region, Vadim Krasnoselsky, immediately accused Ukraine of perpetrating these attacks; whereas according to Ukrainian intelligence sources Russia is responsible for launching the attacks with the aim of further destabilising the region;
- E. whereas the territory of Transnistria has become a safe haven for smugglers and has also been exploited by criminals and oligarchs to strengthen Russian influence in the region;
- F. whereas gas supplies and an artificially created gas supply crisis were used by Russia in

¹ OJ C 404, 6.10.2021, p. 136.

² OJ L 260, 30.8.2014, p.4.

2021 as a tool to put political pressure on the Republic of Moldova to change its geopolitical orientation;

1. Calls for all necessary steps to be taken to grant the Republic of Moldova candidate status during the June 2022 European Council meeting and to acknowledge that the country belongs to the Euro-Atlantic community;
2. Applauds the Republic of Moldova's impressive efforts to help Ukrainian refugees, as it has welcomed the highest influx per capita among all Ukraine's neighbours; calls on the EU and other international partners to allocate funds to alleviate the budgetary challenge caused by the refugee situation in Moldova, which is the poorest of all neighbouring countries, and also for other countries that face the consequences of Russia's war of aggression;
3. Reiterates its full support for the Republic of Moldova's sovereignty and territorial integrity; calls for a comprehensive settlement of the Transnistrian conflict and for the complete and unconditional withdrawal of all Russian forces;
4. Strongly condemns Russian provocations and commends the authorities of the Republic of Moldova for their restrained and calm reaction;
5. Expresses its concern at the threat to the security and the environment of the region and beyond posed by the munitions stored in the Cobasna depots and calls on the international community to support the Moldavian authorities' efforts to remove or the destroy these dangerous weapons;
6. Welcomes the renewed engagement on Common Security and Defence Policy by the EU and the Republic of Moldova through bilateral political staff-to-staff consultations; encourages the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Republic of Moldova to make full use of these platforms in order to advance cooperation on matters such as, but not only, combating hybrid threats, enhancing resilience, strengthening cybersecurity and enhancing strategic communication;
7. Underlines the need make better use of the European Peace Facility and thus encourages the EEAS and the Council to further support strengthening the capacity of the defence sector through assistance measures under this instrument;
8. Stresses it is unacceptable for gas supplies to be weaponised in order to put political pressure on the Republic of Moldova to change its geopolitical orientation; urges the Commission to continue providing the Republic of Moldova with the financial and technical support necessary to ensure its resilience against such external interference; calls on the Moldovan authorities to maintain the country's commitments as a member of the Energy Community to implementing the EU's Third Energy Package, in particular the unbundling of gas and electricity transmission and distribution;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the President, Government and Parliament of the Republic of Moldova.

