

Closing statement delivered by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova
H.E. Mr. Eugen Carpov

Mr Chairperson,

First of all, the Republic of Moldova share the points made by the European Union and the United States on the adoption of the Ministerial Decision on the OSCE Helsinki +40 process.

Mr. Chairperson, we welcome the adoption of the Ministerial Statement on the negotiations on the Transdnestrian settlement process in the “5+2” format. Through this ministerial statement 57 Participating States express their common vision on the ways to advance the negotiations regarding the political resolution of the conflict that affects for already two decades my country. We believe belief that this statement is an important step towards creating a favorable international context by building a common approach and promoting coordinated efforts on behalf of the international actors, first of all those participating in the 5+2 process. By adopting the ministerial statement we reaffirm the key-role of the OSCE in this process.

The major goal pursued by this document is to help the 5+2 negotiations – which is the main vehicle of the settlement. To this end, the ministerial statement reaffirms the support of all OSCE participating States to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova. It expresses the need to advance discussions on all three baskets of the agenda for negotiations, including the basket related to the comprehensive settlement, political and security issues. The statement also underlines the important role of the confidence building measures, including the removal of the obstacles to the free movement of people, goods and services.

A call to start discussion on basic principles of the final solution, which is the main task of the 5+2 negotiation format, would make this statement even more forward-looking and we regret it did not find its place in this text.

Mr Chairman, let me point out that the political context in which the Transnistrian settlement process is taking place is much more complex and a number of issues go beyond the framework of the 5+2 talks. A broader picture includes issues of our longstanding concern such as unfulfilled commitments regarding the withdrawal of the Russian forces from the territory of the Republic of Moldova, the increasing need for transformation of the existing peacekeeping arrangement into a multinational, civilian mission with an appropriate international mandate. As stated by previous speakers, these issues remain on the agenda of our dialogue and we look forward to achieve progress in this regard in consistence with the OSCE norms, principles and commitments.

I request this statement be attached to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you.