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**STATEMENT BY
THE EUROPEAN UNION AT THE 1557th MEETING OF THE
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**On the “Any other business” item raised by the Republic of Moldova: Commemoration
of the victims of the armed conflict on the Nistru River**

In connection with the day of remembrance marking the start of the Transnistrian conflict, the European Union reaffirms its determination to support the Republic of Moldova in defending its sovereignty and territorial integrity in accordance with the country’s constitution. The European Union reiterates its support for a peaceful, comprehensive and sustainable settlement of the Transnistrian conflict based on respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognized borders.

The European Union will continue to support constructive policies and initiatives aimed at bringing the two banks of the Nistru/Dniester closer together economically and socially, and likewise the reintegration efforts of the Republic of Moldova.

We call upon the Russian Federation to honour the commitments it undertook at the OSCE Istanbul Summit in 1999 to withdraw its military forces and equipment and stockpiles of ammunition stationed on the territory of the Republic of Moldova without the host country’s consent.

On this occasion, we furthermore reaffirm the European Union’s unwavering support for the Republic of Moldova on its path towards EU accession and welcome the significant progress made so far.

Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.