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United States Mission to the OSCE

Joint Statement in Response to the Report by the Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova

As delivered by Ambassador Darrell Owens
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
November 12, 2026

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the following participating States: Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Romania, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

Ambassador Smith, welcome to the Permanent Council. We would like to start by commending you for your excellent work in Moldova since your arrival there earlier this year. We want to thank you and your team for hosting us for an informative trip this past week to discuss the mission's role promoting positive dialogue between Chisinau and Tiraspol and supporting the Transnistrian settlement process. We met with individuals on both banks of the river and saw the OSCE observation efforts first-hand.

Being on the ground in Chisinau and Tiraspol made things crystal clear. The work of the Mission to Moldova is vital and it makes us safer and stronger. As the recent report makes clear - even amidst the "elevated regional security concerns, the Mission's contribution to stability and the settlement process is more vital than ever." We call on all participating States to support the Chair's proposed decision extending the mandate for a full year in line with Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06.

We congratulate you, Ambassador Smith and your capable team for the results achieved, and we confirm our full support to the work of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

Once again, we thank you and the delegation of Moldova for the support provided in organizing our visit, and please extend our gratitude to the entire team of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

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