

APPEAL of the civil society representatives from the Republic of Moldova to the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Mrs. Catherine Ashton, on the situation in Transnistria

Your Excellency,

The European integration is understood in the Republic of Moldova as a guarantee for sustainable development and, most important, for the reintegration of the country. Unfortunately, the intensification of the EU-Moldova dialogue on subjects like the political association, the economic integration and the liberalization of the visa regime for Moldovan citizens is endangered by a deliberate aggravation of the situation in the eastern part of the country aiming at obstructing Moldova's European course.

We welcome the commitment of the European Union and Yours personal, including Your Declaration regarding to the so-called legal act on Transnistria's border regime, to support the settlement of the Transnistrian conflict in the interest and for the benefit of the population on both banks of the Dniester river.

This is why the latest events in the eastern part of the country are an argument for us to require more increased efforts from the European Union in order for Moldova to

successfully implement the stipulations in the Framework Agreement and in other vital documents that Moldova signed with the European Commission such as the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation. We also ask for diplomatic assistance in order to properly prepare for the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius.

We, the civil society representatives, ask:

- To include in the "5+2" meeting agenda in Vienna, this July, the issues related to the situation in the Security Zone and to require the guarantors and mediators, including the Russian Federation, to make use of all legal means available to stabilize the situation.
- To request the Russian Federation to stop enhancing its military contingent in the Joint Peacekeeping Forces and gradually withdraw troops and technique from the Operative Group of Russian troops in Transnistria.
- To stimulate the consolidation of Moldovan political class and society in their efforts to calm the situation in the region.
- To condition the assistance provided to the transnistrian region on Tiraspol's administration willingness to refrain from any unilateral actions that could destabilize the situation.
- To temporarily extend the mandate of the EUBAM mission to support the establishment and functioning of the six checkpoints on the Dniester river and to complete the mission with civilian observers in order to monitor the situation in Tighina (Bender) and in neighboring villages, observers that should become the core of a new International Civil Mission in the Security Zone.
- To stimulate the participation of the civil society in the negotiations and in the research of a new peaceful and lasting solution for the settlement of the Transnistrian conflict.

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