

# **CALL: To the President of the Russian Federation, Mr Medvedev, and the President of Ukraine, Mr Yanukovich**

Taking into account the fact that an official meeting has been announced for the 17th and 18th of May between the president of the Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, and the president of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Medvedev;

Bearing in mind the fact that both Ukraine and the Russian Federation have the status of guarantor states in the process of resolving the Transnistrian issue, by virtue of which they play an important role in the negotiations format and mechanism, and in maintaining peace;

Recalling that both states, on the one hand, recognise the independence, sovereignty and integrity of the Republic of Moldova, and condemn separatism in all its forms, on the other;

Noting the intention of both presidents to address the Transnistrian issue in direct and official talks;

Being concerned about the HUMAN RIGHTS situation in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, and the lack of an effective legal MECHANISM to defend and protect people in the region (approximately 400,000 citizens of the Republic of Moldova, of whom around 150,000 are also citizens of Russia, and 100,000 are also citizens of Ukraine);

Recalling that the 5+2 negotiations format is the only internationally recognised format in which decisions regarding the solution of the conflict may be taken,

**The 'Promo-LEX' Association urges the authorities of the Russian Federation and Ukraine:**

- to contribute, together with the constitutional authorities of the Republic of Moldova, to resolving each and every case involving violations of fundamental human rights and liberties on the territory controlled by the Tiraspol administration;
- to respect the principles and norms of international law, coordinating with the constitutional authorities of the Republic of Moldova all actions connected with the relations between the Russian Federation and/or Ukraine with the Tiraspol administration;
- to offer and provide humanitarian or financial assistance to the population of the region in conformity with the legal provisions in force in the states which offer and receive such assistance;
- to condition financial support offered to the Tiraspol administration on the necessity of respecting fundamental human rights and liberties on the territory outside the control of the constitutional authorities;
- to contribute, together with the constitutional authorities of the Republic of Moldova, to identifying and creating a legal mechanism that will ensure and guarantee respect for fundamental human rights and liberties in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova.