

Resolution on the Republic of Moldova, OSCE parliamentary assembly the fourteenth annual session Washington, DC, 1 to 5 July 2005

1. Recalling the previous Resolutions on the Republic of Moldova of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, adopted earlier during the Annual Sessions,
2. Welcoming the resumption after a prolonged hiatus of contacts between the authorities of the Republic of Moldova and the Tiraspol administration at the meeting with representatives of the three mediators in Vinnitsa, Ukraine on 16 and 17 May,
3. Expressing concern that the current high level of mutual distrust between the authorities in Chisinau and Tiraspol has resulted in a series of unilateral measures which further damage the prospects for a settlement,
4. Reiterating the concern that the failure to find a solution to the problem concerning the status of the Transdnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova seriously hampers economic and social progress in the Republic of Moldova and its further integration into European structures,
5. Expressing disappointment that there appears to have been little progress with regard to the Russian Federation's 1999 Istanbul Summit commitments on withdrawal of troops, armaments and ammunition from the territory of the Republic of Moldova,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

6. Urges all parties concerned, in particular the Parliament and Government of the Republic of Moldova as well as the Supreme Soviet and authorities of Transdnistria, and also the Governments of the Russian Federation and Ukraine, to resume, together with the OSCE, serious negotiations in good faith in order to find a permanent solution to the problem concerning the status of Transdnistria;
7. Urges the Parliament and Government of the Republic of Moldova as well as the Supreme Soviet and authorities of Transdnistria to engage in confidence building measures, which could serve to restore a minimum level of mutual trust needed for further negotiations;
8. Expresses the readiness of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Parliamentary Team on the Republic of Moldova, to support this process of dialogue, in particular by assisting the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova and the Supreme Soviet on Transdnistria to re-establish their contacts for the purpose of discussing relevant issues;
9. Takes note of the initiatives recently put forward by the President and Government of Ukraine during and after the GUUAM Summit Meeting in April 2005 and expresses hope that these proposals and the discussion of them that took place in Vinnitsa on May 16-17 may provide an impetus to the negotiating process;
10. Supports the initiatives of the President of Ukraine, Victor Yushchenko, and of the President of the Republic of Moldova, Vladimir Voronin, of 2 June 2005, aimed at establishing an efficient international customs control and monitoring of the Transdnistrian segment of the Republic of Moldova-Ukraine border, and urges the Government of Ukraine firmly to begin solving the problems of organized crime, corruption and illegal trade on that segment of the border;
11. Welcomes the unanimous adoption by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova of 10 June 2005, a set of documents aimed at the implementation of the Ukrainian proposals on the Transdnistrian settlement, pointing out in particular the need to democratize and demilitarize this region, along with the dissolution of the armed units and secret services of the Transdnistrian region;
12. Expresses conviction that any settlement of the conflict over the status of the Transdnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova will be efficient only if it is acceptable for the entire people of the Republic of Moldova and is developed in the framework of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, of the rule of law and of fundamental human freedoms, while respecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova;
13. Urges, in this regard, the Transdnistrian authorities to take much-needed steps to encourage the further development of political parties, civil society organizations media outlets and other such democratic institutions in the Transdnistrian region.
14. Recognizes the important role of free and fair elections in the democratization process and

recommends that consideration be given to the proposal put forward in the Ukrainian plan and reiterated in the 10 June appeal of the Republic of Moldovan Parliament to mandate the OSCE to conduct elections in Transdniestria;

15. Welcomes the initiative of the Ukrainian President to transform the peacekeeping operation in the region into an international mechanism under the OSCE mandate;

16. Takes note of the readiness of the European Union and the United States to connect more closely to the negotiation process and expresses the hope that the active engagement of all interested international actors will help to achieve a lasting comprehensive settlement of the Transdniestrian question.

17. Expresses the readiness of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Parliamentary Group on the Republic of Moldova to support the efforts of the Republic of Moldova on the settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict, the restoration of the territorial unity of the country, the contribution to the development of democratic institutions in the region and the observance of fundamental human rights and freedoms.

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