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**STATEMENT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS
ON THE TRANSNIESTRIAN SETTLEMENT PROCESS
IN THE “5+2” FORMAT**

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the participating States of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe:

Reaffirm their strong support for a negotiated, comprehensive, just and viable resolution of the Transdnistrian conflict based on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova with a special status for Transdnistria that fully guarantees the human, political, economic and social rights of its population;

Welcome the holding of five official meetings of the Permanent Conference on Political Issues in the Framework of the Negotiation Process for the Transdnistrian Settlement in the existing 5+2 format (“the 5+2”) in the course of 2012, following the decision to resume official negotiations taken in Moscow in the 5+2 format on 22 September 2011, and the holding of the first such meeting in Vilnius on 30 November and 1 December 2011;

Welcome in particular the adoption in the course of 2012 of “Principles and Procedures for the Conduct of Negotiations” and of a comprehensive agenda for the negotiating process, and look forward to advancement of the negotiations on all three baskets of the agreed agenda: socio-economic issues, general legal and humanitarian issues and human rights, and a comprehensive settlement, including institutional, political and security issues;

Express satisfaction that the resumption of work in the “5+2” format has been accompanied by reactivation of the work of the expert working groups and of direct contacts between the sides, which have led to concrete achievements of benefit to the local population such as resumption of rail freight traffic through the Transdnistrian region;

Express satisfaction at the recognized complementary role of civil society and media from the sides in the settlement process;

Call on the sides to redouble efforts at all levels to agree and implement measures to build confidence and demonstrate goodwill in resolving outstanding problems including by removing obstacles to the free movement of people, goods and services;

Call on the mediators and observers of the OSCE, Russian Federation, Ukraine, European Union and United States of America to intensify their co-ordinated efforts and to make full use of their potential to promote progress in resolution of the conflict.