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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on MoU Moldova - Transdniestria**

The EU welcomes the agreement between the President of the Republic of Moldova and the representatives of Transdniestria and the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding in Moscow on 8 May, which could provide the basic conditions for further negotiations. The MoU and a Joint Supplementary Statement was also signed by the mediating States, Russia and Ukraine, and the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE. The EU remains of the opinion that completion of the process of a regulated withdrawal of the Russian troops from the region, would be a significant contribution to the final settlement of the Transdniestrian problem. The EU strongly hopes that this MoU will prove to be an important step forward on the way to achieving a permanent and comprehensive political solution to the Transdniestrian problem within the territory of Moldova.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway align themselves with this declaration.
