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The Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the European Union presents its compliments to the European Parliament and has the honour to forward the Declaration on the political partnership for achieving the objectives of the European Integration, adopted by the newly elected Parliament of the Republic of Moldova during the first meeting with the kind request to convey the above mentioned Declaration to H. E. Mr. Josep BORRELL FONTELLES, President of the European Parliament.

The Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the European Parliament the assurance of its highest consideration.

Brussels, 28 March 2005

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT Brussels

Declaration

on the political partnership for achieving the objectives of the European integration

Being political opponents, sharing different views on methods, stages and terms of reforming the economy and the social sphere of the Republic of Moldova, mentioning the existence of some divergences in foreign and domestic policy issues, Members of Parliament of the Republic of Moldova adopt the Declaration on the Political Partnership on Achieving the Objectives of the European Integration for the following four years (2005-2009).

Starting with the assumption that the further development of the Republic of Moldova can be ensured only through a consistent and irreversible promotion of the strategic course towards the European integration, peaceful and democratic resolution of the Transdniestrian problem, effective functioning of democratic institutions and guaranteeing of the national minority rights. The implementation of these tasks is possible if provided a responsible cooperation of the authorities and opposition, a stable domestic political life, democratic guarantees for a free development of mass media and a firm securing of the independence of the Republic of Moldova in its mutual relations with the neighbouring states.

We consider that the main directions of the political partnership shall be as follows:

Concerted diplomatic, legal and political efforts, as well as civic initiatives aimed to implement the Republic of Moldova - European Union Action Plan, joint efforts on all spectrum of problems, whose settlement will contribute to an early accession of the Republic of Moldova to the European community.

- Concerted political efforts, as well as civic initiatives aimed to create
 an independent judiciary, which complies with the European Union's
 standards and norms; meeting democratic norms and the rule of law as
 fundamental conditions for any political and institutional reforms.
- Concerted political and legal efforts for an accelerated social development of the Republic of Moldova, aimed to create an efficient social protection system and to reduce poverty. The development of a functional, socially oriented market economy with a favorable investment climate, harmonization of the national legislation with the European standards in the field of free movement of goods, capital, services and labor, elimination of the administrative barriers, fighting against corruption and de-bureaucratization of the economic life shall be strategic milestones for the development of the Moldovan State.
- Concerted political and diplomatic efforts, as well as civic initiatives aimed at a final and peaceful settlement of the Transdniestrian problem. The political settlement of this problem is to be accomplished on the basis of the country's Constitution and the international law, in close co-operation with the OSCE, European Union, Romania, Russia, the USA and Ukraine, ensuring the democratization, demilitarization and decriminalization of the Transdniestrian region as soon as possible. The establishment of an effective customs and border control on the Transdniestrian segment of the Moldovan-Ukrainian border and fulfillment by the Russian Federation of its commitments undertaken at the OSCE Istanbul Summit in 1999 concerning the withdrawal of weapons and troops shall be an indispensable condition for the Transdniestrian settlement, as well as a positive factor for strengthening regional and European security.

• Concerted political efforts aimed at the development and full affirmation of the role of the official language as a language of the majority of our country's population, as well as at the development of the languages and cultures of all national minorities in the Republic of Moldova on the basis of the European standards.