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## Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton, on Moldova/Transnistria

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, made the following statement:

*"I very much welcome the aide memoire presented by the Moldovan Government, in which it confirms its readiness to further engage with all its partners in order to find a viable and sustainable solution to the Transnistrian issue, including with the help of the EU.*

*We will consider this constructive proposal with due attention and in close consultation with our partners in the 5+2 format.*

*We remain fully committed to the resumption of negotiations in the 5+2 format, without any preconditions or delay, and in full respect of the fundamental principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova.*

*We invite all sides to support the efforts of the Republic of Moldova in implementing confidence building measures, for the benefit of the people living in the Transnistrian region."*

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