RESOLUTION ON

THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

1. Recalling the previous resolutions on the Republic of Moldova and the Transdniestrian conflict settlement process adopted during earlier annual sessions of the OSCE PA,
2. Recognizing that the Republic of Moldova is one of the countries most affected by the consequences of the unprovoked war of aggression waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which constitutes a gross violation of the norms and principles of international law, including a severe breach of the OSCE's commitments and the Charter of the United Nations,
3. Commending the Republic of Moldova's solidarity with Ukraine and its people amid the Russian Federation's illegal war there, including by welcoming hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian citizens who have transited through or sought refuge in the Republic of Moldova, despite the latter's limited material resources and the ongoing security and economic threats posed by the Russian Federation,
4. Appreciating the commitment of the Republic of Moldova to pursuing comprehensive, far-reaching reforms, notably to strengthen the rule of law, combat corruption and build strong and efficient institutions, and thanking the OSCE institutions for developing tailor- made support in such challenging times,
5. Welcoming the granting, by the June 2022 European Council, of European Union candidate status to the Republic of Moldova, which is a milestone for the future of the country,
6. Convinced that continued democratic reforms supporting the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the fight against corruption can contribute to achieving this aim,
7. Recognizing that the conflict in the Transdniestrian region of the Republic of Moldova continues to pose a serious threat to security and stability in the OSCE area, and reaffirming OSCE participating States' commitment to attaining a peaceful, comprehensive and sustainable solution to this protracted conflict, with full respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognized borders,
8. Emphasizing the importance of economic development and the positive aspects resulting from the implementation of the free trade agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova, including the Transdniestrian region, that has been in effect since 1 January 2016,
9. Underlining the importance of the positive example, in terms of socio-economic development and cohesion, by the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

1. Emphasizes the importance of inter-parliamentary dialogue and parliamentary contributions to addressing protracted conflicts in the OSCE region;
2. Underlines that the main goal of the Transdniestrian conflict settlement process is to attain a comprehensive, peaceful and sustainable resolution based on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognized borders, with a special status for the Transdniestrian region while ensuring the viability of the reintegrated State;
3. Fully supports the outstanding work done by the OSCE Mission to Moldova in accordance with its mandate, especially in the current geopolitical context, with the monitoring activities by the Mission in the Security Zone and beyond, in particular, being of the utmost importance;
4. Notes that the 5+2 talks are on hold as a result of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine and, in this context, appreciates the efforts of the OSCE Mission to Moldova aimed at facilitating, in particular, the dialogue in the 1+1 format, both at the level of chief negotiators and within the framework of sectoral working groups, with the aim of solving emerging issues in the interests of people living on both banks of the Dniester/Nistru River;
5. Urges the Russian Federation to resume the withdrawal of its military troops and ammunition stockpiles from the territory of the Republic of Moldova, in accordance with its constitutional provisions of neutrality and in line with the relevant 1999 OSCE Istanbul Summit decisions, as well as UN General Assembly resolution 72/282;
6. Welcomes the readiness of the OSCE Mission to Moldova to contribute to ensuring transparency of the removal and destruction of Russian ammunition, weapons and military equipment stored in the Transdniestrian region of the Republic of Moldova;
7. Invites all relevant actors to initiate political discussions with the aim of transforming the current peacekeeping operation in the Transdniestrian region into a multilateral civilian mission under an appropriate international mandate that would reflect the real needs on the ground.