

Resolution on Moldova (Transnistria)

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on Moldova (Transnistria).

The resolution was tabled by the EPP-ED, PES, ALDE, Greens/EFA, GUE/NGL and UEN groups.

The resolution recalls that a 'referendum' took place in the Transnistrian region of Moldova on 17 September 2006, aimed at full independence for the region and its possible unification with the Russian Federation. Neither this 'referendum' nor its outcome were accepted by the international community, as it was organised in a completely unilateral manner by the repressive regime of Transnistria.

The Parliament strongly denounces the attempt in the Transnistrian region of Moldova to establish its independence in a unilateral way by organising a so-called referendum. It calls on the government of the Russian Federation to withhold its support from this move and to give its fullest support to the multilateral efforts to find a solution to the conflicts in its neighbourhood. It fully rejects the organisation and outcome of the 'referendum' on independence for the Transnistrian region of Moldova and its possible accession to the Russian Federation, as this is in sharp contradiction with the internationally recognised sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova.

The Council, the Member States and the Commission are called upon to continue to give their fullest support to a political and peaceful solution of the regional conflicts in the neighbourhood which the EU shares with the Russian Federation, and urges them to discuss these matters at their next meetings with the President and government of the Russian Federation.

The Parliament condemns the continued repression, harassment and intimidation of representatives of the independent media, NGOs and civil society by the self-proclaimed Transnistrian authorities. It therefore calls on the government of Moldova to undertake confidence-building measures, providing positive incentives in order for the inhabitants of Transnistria to support fully a peaceful reunification of the state, with minority language rights and local autonomy being safeguarded.

The Council and the Commission are called upon to speed up the procedure leading to the conclusion of a visa facilitation agreement with Moldova and to ensure its implementation.

Lastly, the Parliament expresses its strong and continuing support for the efforts of the Moldovan people to establish a fully functioning democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights.