

## STATEMENT

by Mr. Ion STAVILA, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Moldova, at the first Annual Security Review Conference  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

In addition to the statement delivered by my distinguished Georgian colleague on behalf of GUUAM, I would like to stress some of the ideas already voiced during this session.

I believe that this Conference is meant to objectively evaluate the ways in which the OSCE has managed to implement adopted decisions in order to deal with existing major challenges and to justify *la raison d'être* of our Organisation.

While making an assessment of the travelled half of the road from Porto to Maastricht, I am confident that all of us have a better perception of the real threats to our common security and that we are more united in the desire to strengthen our cooperation in order to eliminate them.

Unfortunately, it is difficult to compliment our Organisation on the pursuit of one of its main objectives, namely conflict prevention and crisis management. In this context we are entitled to ask ourselves about what has to be done as to overcome this paradigm.

We continue to believe that the OSCE possesses by far all the means necessary to achieve its goals. This potential could be put to efficient use if the interests of every participating state, both big and small, are taken into consideration, especially when we claim “a common and indivisible security space ... free of dividing lines and zones with different levels of security”.

As the Bible preaches, one can not build his happiness on the unhappiness of others. We consider that this should be the guiding principle of all efforts if the objective is to ensure the vital security interest of each participating state.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.