

SETTLING THE TRANSNISTRIAN CONFLICT IN THE CONTEXT OF MOLDOVA'S EUROPEANISATION

Third Annual International Conference

(17 February 2009)

Venue: Leo Grand Convention Center, Chisinau, "Raut"

Languages: English, Romanian, Russian

The main objective of the conference is to provide a timely forum for taking stock and openly exchanging opinions on the following issues. What are the most valuable practical lessons of the previous efforts to solve the conflict and how can they be incorporated into future policies? What are the main factors hindering progress and how to overcome them? How to improve the internal context of the settlement? What are the opportunities and impediments of the current and prospective international context? In which areas can Chisinau play a key role and where does progress depend on factors that are beyond Moldova's influence? How to strike the right balance between immediate needs and longer term priorities? What are the realistic ways for moving the Transnistrian settlement from its current impasse without undermining the European aspirations of Moldova? How can Moldova advance on its path towards the EU without irreversibly leaving Transnistria behind? Can the EU play a bigger role in the settlement process or even become its driving force? How can Moldova and the EU move towards a more concerted and comprehensive strategy for resolving the conflict?

Tuesday, 17 February

- 08:30 - 09:00 Registration of participants
- 09:00 - 09:15 **WELCOMING REMARKS**
John Beyer, British Ambassador to Moldova
Ion Sturza, President, Foreign Policy Association of Moldova (APE)
Kalman Mizsei, EU Special Representative for Moldova
- 09:15 - 11:00 **SESSION 1**
"PRACTICAL LESSONS: PERSPECTIVES FROM NEGOCIATORS"
Moderator: **Arcadie Barbarosie**, Director, Public Policy Institute (IPP)
Panelists: **Ion Stavila**, Deputy Minister of Reintegration of Moldova
Valerii Litskai, Former Chief Transnistrian negotiator
William Hill, Former Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 - 13:00 **SESSION 2**
"HOW TO TRANSFORM THE INTERNAL CONTEXT OF THE SETTLEMENT?"
Moderator: **Petr Kypr**, Czech Ambassador to Moldova
Panelists: **Philip Remler**, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova
Oazu Nantoi, Program Director, Public Policy Institute
Andrei Safonov, Editor-in-Chief, Novaya Gazeta, Bendery
William Hill, Former Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova

13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>SESSION 3 “INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT: OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPIEDIMENTS TO SETTLEMENT”</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mats Aberg, Ambassador of Sweden to Romania and the Republic of Moldova</i> Panelists: <i>Iulian Chifu, Director, Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center, Romania</i> <i>Hrygoriy Perepelitsa, Director, Foreign Policy Research Institute, Ukraine</i> <i>Martin Sieg, Foreign and Security Policy Advisor, German Bundestag</i> <i>Andrei Popov, Executive Director, Foreign Policy Association of Moldova (APE)</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 – 17:15	<p>SESSION 4 “IS THE EU CAPABLE OF DRIVING THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS”</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Viorel Cibotaru, Director, European Institute for Political Studies in Moldova</i> Panelists: <i>Kalman Mizsei, EU Special Representative for Moldova</i> <i>Cesare de Montis, Head of Delegation of the European Commission to Moldova</i> <i>Nicu Popescu, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, London (ECFR)</i></p>
17:15 – 18:00	BEYOND 2009. THE WAY AHEAD. CONCLUSIONS.

