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## Resolution of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

## On Political Situation in Moldova

The General Assembly of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum together with the Moldovan National Platform is deeply concerned with the political situation in Moldova which affects the process of European integration of Moldova and the democratic transformation of Moldovan institutions.

The General Assembly of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum is disappointed by the way in which representatives of state authorities have sought to involve civil society in the dialogue aimed at resolving the deteriorated political situation and in the reform process. We underline that such a governance approach destructively influences the process of implementation of the Association Agreement (AA) between Moldova and the European Union. During 2015, only 21 per cent of the Association Agreement Action Plan was fully implemented, which placed Moldova as a back runner in the process of European integration.

The representatives of the Moldovan delegation to the EaP CSF underline that violations of the obligations of the government in regard to the EU association process have destroyed the trust of the population in the European Union and continue to negatively affect the image of the European Union in Moldova. The approach of the government towards the cooperation with the civil society is irresponsible and lacks any real will to consider and respect the civil society's input into the reform agenda.

The National Platform of Moldova also acknowledges the support of the EU for the implementation of the association agenda, as well as its political and economic support in promoting the social welfare of the people in Moldova and across the region. In this respect, the 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum urges the European Union to consider taking a stricter approach to the members of the Moldovan parliament and government, and demanding the presentation of concrete evidence of reforms and benchmarks of progress especially in the areas of fighting corruption, de-politicisation of state institutions and reducing the concentration of broadcast media.

The Assembly also calls on the EU to work for the involvement of civil society organizations as one of the main stakeholders in the implementation of the AA and to increase support for promoting European Union's image in Moldova and for countering misinformation about the EU among Moldovan citizens.

