



Recommendation 1810 (2007)¹

Honouring of obligations and commitments by Moldova

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its [Resolution 1572 \(2007\)](#) on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Moldova in which it appreciates the serious efforts made by the Republic of Moldova in order to achieve a decisive, comprehensive and irreversible progress in view of implementing democratic standards and practices.
2. The Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers, with regard to assistance activities:
 - 2.1. call on the Moldovan authorities to complete the ongoing reforms without delay in order to fulfil their commitments to the Council of Europe, which is required in order to close the monitoring procedure and launch a post-monitoring dialogue in the foreseeable future;
 - 2.2. continue and reinforce existing assistance programmes to support Moldova in the implementation of commitments to the Council of Europe by allocating appropriate financial resources;
 - 2.3. consider launching new targeted assistance programmes in priority reform areas to support the development of concrete plans of action to increase the independence of the judiciary and efficiency of justice, reform the system of the general prosecutor's office, strengthen the fight against corruption and money laundering, promote freedom and pluralism of the media, and reinforce local self-government.
3. The Assembly expects the Committee of Ministers, member states of the Council of Europe and the Council of Europe Development Bank to actively co-operate within the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy of the European Union, and to support further economic and social reform in Moldova for the benefit of the entire population.
4. The Assembly refers to its various recommendations and resolutions and to the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197). It notes with satisfaction the fact that Moldova was one of the first member states to sign and ratify this convention and invites the member states which have not yet signed and ratified it to do so at the earliest opportunity for it to enter into force. In the meantime, the Assembly asks the Committee of Ministers to urge the member states, in particular those directly concerned, to support Moldova in its action to combat trafficking in human beings and organs.
5. The Assembly further requests the Committee of Ministers to continue to ensure in its contacts at the highest political level with the relevant authorities of the European Union the best possible co-ordination and complementarity between the Council of Europe requirements and those of the European Union-Moldova Action Plan, in order to support Moldova's aspirations towards European Union integration. The Assembly recalls that Moldova is an integral part of Europe, as is demonstrated by the fact that it is a full member of the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) and of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe.
6. The Assembly asks the Committee of Ministers to urge member states to support Moldova in its efforts to find a definitive settlement to the Transnistrian conflict. This frozen conflict destabilises and weakens the Republic of Moldova, both politically and economically.

1. Assembly debate on 2 October 2007 (31st Sitting) (see [Doc. 11374](#), report of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu and Mr Vareikis). Text adopted by the Assembly on 2 October 2007 (31st Sitting).



7. Referring to its [Recommendation 1721 \(2005\)](#) on the functioning of democratic institutions in Moldova, the Assembly reiterates its request to the Committee of Ministers to:

7.1. become fully involved in the monitoring of the implementation of the commitments undertaken in particular at the Summit of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in Istanbul in 1999, as well as in the political assessment of the proposals for settling the Transnistrian conflict put forward by the various parties concerned and to urge the Russian authorities to withdraw Russian military forces and their equipment (weapons) from the territory of Moldova in line with existing commitments;

7.2. ensure respect for the fundamental principles, notably territorial integrity and sovereignty, and for the standards of the Council of Europe and take them into account in the settlement proposals.