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**Kálmán MIZSEI,
EU Special Representative for Moldova,
welcomes the Brussels roundtable on the problems
of human trafficking facing Moldova**

Kálmán MIZSEI, EU Special Representative for Moldova, welcomed the roundtable meeting on human trafficking that was held in Brussels today and was attended by European and Moldovan parliamentarians, as well as representatives of the legislative body the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, and by NGOs and experts from European and national organizations.

Dr Mizsei said "Today's roundtable, organized by Marianne MIKKO, Chair of the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Committee, and introduced with a keynote address by Marian LUPU, Speaker of the Moldovan Parliament, was very successful.

Human trafficking is a major problem facing Moldova and the region and our exchange of views with MEPS and with experts from NGOs and other organizations working in the field was very valuable. This scourge needs to be tackled from both sides of the Nistru River. I am also very pleased that Evgeniy SHEVCHUK, head of the legislative body of the region of Transnistria, was able to attend.

I am also encouraged by the meeting, in the margins of the roundtable, between Mr LUPU and Mr SHEVCHUK. This took place in a positive atmosphere. Both noted that such a meeting had not taken place in seven years. They agreed on the usefulness of getting to know each other and their respective points of view. Their meeting represented a possible beginning of direct contacts between the two of them."

The Roundtable centered on parliamentary co-operation with civil society in the fight against trafficking in human beings. Experts from the International Organization for Migration, the United Kingdom Centre on Trafficking in Human Beings, the European Commission and the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine took part.

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