



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**STATEMENT**

**by H.E. Mr. Victor Moraru,  
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at the Security Council open debate  
on the role of States, regional arrangements  
and the United Nations in the prevention and resolution of conflicts**

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Mr. President,

Allow me first to thank you for convening today's open-debate on the role of States, regional arrangements and the United Nations in the prevention and resolution of conflicts.

The Republic of Moldova aligned itself with the statement made by the European Union and would like to add some remarks from a national perspective.

Mr. President,

It is widely recognized that the nature of contemporary conflicts is changing rapidly and has become more complex. The prevention and resolution of conflicts, particularly the protracted ones, is not the sole responsibility or prerogative of one multilateral organisation or one country. It is a shared responsibility of the entire international community.

The Republic of Moldova fully supports the further development of cooperation between the United Nations and the regional arrangements in this field.

The UN and the regional arrangements can work more effectively together by capturing, consolidating and sharing good practices and lessons learned.

Effective conflict prevention and resolution requires building coherent and proactive partnerships between the UN and the regional arrangements. The focus on conflict prevention and resolution is already a notable feature of the existing partnerships between the UN and some regional arrangements, including European Union and the African Union.

In line with their respective mandates and comparative advantages, the UN and the regional arrangements should strive to share the burden of their efforts by pooling resources and creating new synergies.

We encourage the establishment of co-ordination mechanisms at the Secretariat level to operationalize co-operation among organisations in the field of conflict prevention and resolution.

The current restructuring of the peace and security pillar of the United Nations, with conflict prevention and sustaining peace at the core, offers an excellent opportunity to enhance the Secretariat's capacities to work on regional issues and to strengthen the interaction between the UN and the regional arrangements.

We commend the UN Secretary-General's efforts in this direction and thank him for his today's insightful briefing and related reports.

Mr. President,

In pursuing their agendas and in applying their distinctive approaches to conflict prevention and resolution, the regional arrangements and their member states must act in good faith and in strict compliance with the principles of the UN Charter, particularly when it comes to ensuring the respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of states.

States have the primary responsibility for conflict prevention, a prerogative that has been stressed several times in Security Council resolutions. Nonetheless, the constructive potential of regional organizations in this area is often undermined by the limited interests of individual members who use their authority to obstruct important initiatives or to limit the scope of cooperation between the regional arrangements and the UN that could be valuable to settlement processes.

It is our firm belief that there is much more that can be drawn on regional partnerships as long as all actors involved abide by Charter principles.

The deteriorating security situation and the lack of progress in the settlement of protracted conflicts in the post-soviet area cannot go unnoticed and a question arises as to the actual role and effectiveness of relevant regional arrangements and their coordination efforts with the UN.

We believe that no conflict in the world should be left out of the UN's attention, irrespective of whether they are on the Security Council's agenda or not. The protracted conflict situation in the eastern part of the Republic of Moldova, a problem that is also complicated by an illegal foreign military presence on our national territory, is one of such conflicts.

By adopting this June a resolution regarding the complete and unconditional withdrawal of Russian military forces from the territory of the Republic of Moldova, the General Assembly renewed the linkage between regional efforts at the level of OSCE on this matter, and the UN platform. The withdrawal of foreign troops is essential for creating the prerequisites for the conflict prevention and conflict resolution in the Republic of Moldova.

The lack of progress in the settlement of protracted conflicts, the continued illegal foreign military presence on the national territories of some member states require not only a more direct involvement from the appropriate UN bodies and regional organisations but also a common action that takes into account both the prevention and resolution aspects of the problems.

We clearly need lucrative partnerships that can prevent conflicts, address root causes of conflicts and end them.

In concluding, Mr. President, I would like to stress that strengthening the cooperation between the UN and the regional entities it is not merely an alternative approach to multilateralism, it is a necessity of today's world, requiring all those involved to apply UN principles and calling for accountability when those are violated.

I thank you, Mr. President.