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Open letter of the EaP CSF Steering Committee to the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini and Commissioner for European Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn on the situation in Moldova

Dear Ms Mogherini,
Dear Mr Hahn,

The Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) would like to turn your attention to the fast moving and complex developments in Moldova. The country is on the brink of destabilization due to the irresponsible behaviour of both government and the opposition inside and outside the Moldovan Parliament. The positions adopted by all the actors involved are radical, and often confuse the Moldovan public. If the parties involved do not find common ground we are afraid that the continuing protests will turn violent, opening the window for calls for an intervention by foreign actors with serious consequences for this EaP country and also for the region. Also, the anticipated elections could bring unexpected results which would strengthen foreign influence in the country, resulting into yet another crisis in the EU neighbourhood.

The European Parliament resolution on the Association Agreement (AA) and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine dated January 21, 2016, and some EU member states clearly said that the stability of Moldova is a priority for the EU and the EU has already called for a dialogue between the forces playing a key role in Moldova. However, the EU should take further concrete actions and offer to moderate among the parties involved. Members of the Moldovan National Platform of the EaP CSF have asked for more involvement from EU side in monitoring and influencing political forces of the country to work for the stabilisation of the country and also to continue the reforms, foreseen by the Association Agreements documents which Moldova has signed with EU.

We urge the formation of a mediation task force who know the country or speak the local languages and can communicate with Moldovan media. Representatives of Moldovan civil society should be included in the process to make this process more transparent and credible. The task force can be multi-layered, combining efforts of the EU institutions, the European Parliament could be also involved via EURONEST or the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Association Committee and put conditions for real change and reforms in the country after many simulations during the last five to six years.

The Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) is ready to contribute with our expertise and knowledge of our Moldovan colleagues from Moldovan National Platform and we are at your disposal for further consultations.

Sincerely yours,



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