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Dear Commissioner,

Since my previous letter (29 April 2009) calling for the EU to work with Moldova's political parties and civil society on a **“Roadmap for national reconciliation and European integration”**, Moldovan civil society leaders have presented to you and other EU officials the outlines of such a roadmap (the roadmap launched on 1 May 2009 is attached).

With the fresh parliamentary elections now due to take place in Moldova, a fresh opportunity has arisen for the EU to agree with the authorities and non-political actors in Moldova a Rule of Law Mission to reform the security-sector institutions that were the perpetrators of human rights abuses in the aftermath of the April 2009 elections, and to work with civil society in Moldova to ensure the fair conduct of the new elections and the restoration of democratic institutions.

To ensure success, it is essential that voters' lists are verified by the Central Election Commission with active public and international scrutiny, and that a full detailed report is made available not later than two weeks before the Election Day. Furthermore, equal access to the public media must be ensured for all important actors in Moldovan society.

In the attached statement, a broad coalition of independent civil society actors in Moldova call upon the European Commission and the forthcoming Swedish EU Presidency to undertake a high-level engagement to strengthen the political mandate and technical expertise available to the EC delegation in Moldova and the office of the EU Special Representative to Moldova, and to make this a core element of the Eastern Partnership agreement between the EU and Moldova. The signatories also call on the EU to support the NGO community to assist election observation and monitoring.

The future of Moldova lies in a democratic Europe, and in the foreseeable future the EU's support will be indispensable to rebuilding the confidence of the people of Moldova in their own democratic institutions.

Yours sincerely,



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