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***Subject: Moldova preparedness action plan in the light of the worsening security situation of the country***

Dear High Representative/Vice-President of the Commission,

Moldova's President Maia Sandu publicly declared on the morning of February 13<sup>th</sup> that Russia is planning a coup in Moldova, a Moscow plot to use military-trained mercenaries from the Russian Federation, Belarus, Serbia and Montenegro to overthrow the country's government.

President Sandu's briefing comes a few days after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Ukraine had intercepted plans developed by Russian secret services to destroy Moldova, claims later confirmed by Moldovan intelligence officials.

In the light of this very serious security situation, we, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, urge you to:

- Provide Moldova with the necessary tools to deal more effectively with the country's security risks;
- Continue conducting operational activities to identify attempts to destabilize the country, including by disinformation and hybrid attacks;
- Continue and accelerate the macro-financial assistance and support for the energy sector for Moldova;
- Continue to support Moldova's reform agenda;
- Demand clarifications from the authorities of Serbia and Montenegro, candidate countries to the EU, by which they provide the EU with information on Russia's plans and the involvement of their citizens.

Kremlin's plan is clear: to overthrow the constitutional and legitimate government in Chisinau and replace it with an illegitimate, pro-Russian one. To stop the European integration process of the Republic of Moldova, as it is a threat for Putin.

We must stand by Moldova with all our forces, as we stood by the people of Ukraine in 2013 in the Maidan Uprising. We must protect their democracy, as it is our democracy that we are actually fighting for.

Yours sincerely,

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