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Statement by Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum on the recognition of the current Parliament and coalition government, led by Maia Sandu in Moldova

The Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) joins the Moldovan National Platform in their call to recognise the current Parliament of Moldova and the government, sworn in on 8 June 2019. The decisions, taken by the Constitutional Court on 7, 8 and 9 June 2019 and the appointment of Pavel Filip as interim President, are dictated by the political agenda of the Democratic Party of Moldova (PDM) and go against the principles of independent judiciary and constitutional order.

The priority is to return to political dialogue and re-establish trust in Moldova's democratic institutions. The only way of achieving this is through recognising the will of voters, expressed at the Parliamentary elections on 24 February 2019 – and legitimacy of the coalition government, formed by the Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova (PSRM) and ACUM, led by Maia Sandu.

Repeating the concerns raised by the Moldovan National Platform, the Steering Committee urges all actors to show restraint and not to escalate the situation, respecting the constitutional provisions and current legislation. We urge the international community and our partners to watch the situation closely and cooperate with the new government, in sign of support.

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