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Signature of a joint declaration on a mobility partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova

The signature of the joint declaration on a mobility partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova, took place in Luxembourg today, between *Mr Dragutin Mate, Minister of the Interior of Slovenia, Mr Jacques Barrot, Vice-president of the Commission, Mr Valentin Mejinschi, Minister responsible for Home Affairs of the Republic of Moldova* and representatives from Germany, Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

The objective of Mobility Partnerships is to better manage migration flows. The Mobility Partnership with the Republic of Moldova has wide-ranging objectives, including facilitating legal immigration and fighting against illegal immigration while promoting capacity building. Better managing migration while reinforcing institutional capacity in the Republic of Moldova are common goals to which these dynamic instruments can make an important contribution.

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This is one of the very first Mobility Partnerships, another element of the EU commitment towards a truly comprehensive and balanced migration policy.

The text of the joint declaration can be found in document 9460/08 + ADD1.
