

## JOINT STATEMENT

On November 21, 2011 the OSCE Office in Bendery hosted a meeting between delegations headed by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova V. Filat and the Head of Pridnestrovie I. Smirnov. In the context of the Decision adopted on 22nd of September a.c. in Moscow on the Resumption of the Official Work of the Permanent Conference on Political Issues in the Framework of the Pridnestrovian Settlement Negotiation Process in the 5+2 format, the plans on the organization of the negotiation process for the near future as well as other issues of interest were discussed. In the course of the meeting the following agreements were reached:

1. To hold the first official meeting in the 5+2 format in Vilnius on November 30 a.c. and to build work on a regular basis conducting negotiations in the constructive and consistent way.

2. Expressing concern over the recent worsening situation in the Security Zone, the sides confirmed their willingness to resolve current situation strictly in accordance with the existing documents and decisions of the JCC (the Joint Control Commission). The sides will refrain from any actions which can destabilize the situation in the Security Zone and contribute to the elimination of existing barriers to free movement of people, goods and services.

3. To continue work on resuming a full-scale freight and passenger railway communication, welcoming expert assistance offered by the EUBAM Mission. In this context, the possibility of establishing an expert working group on customs issues is not excluded.

4. Noting the need for restoration of communications between the two banks of the Dniester River, to organize a meeting at expert level in order to elaborate proposals for finding solutions for phone-related issues (fixed and mobile phone) and postal communications, as well as the exploitation of radio frequencies.

5. To step-up activities of expert (working) groups on interaction and confidence building measures based on the Regulations adopted on September 9, 2011 at the meeting in Bad Reichenhall (Germany). The expediency of establishing new expert (working) groups will be considered.

6. For the purpose of ensuring the fight against crime and offences, to initiate the constructive interaction between law enforcement bodies, inter alia within the framework of expert (working) groups on law enforcement issues.

7. While reaffirming importance of interaction and confidence building measures, to continue the work in the framework of expert (working) groups on economic issues focusing at this stage on aspects in statistics, methodology of macroeconomics, as well as on the opportunity to use preferences in the framework of different free trade regimes.

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