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following the Results of the Meeting between
Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova Vladimir Filat
and Head of Pridnestrovie Evgeny Shevchuk

The first meeting between Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova Vladimir Filat and Head of Pridnestrovie Evgeny Shevchuk was held on January 27, 2012 in Odessa on the initiative of the Ukrainian side.

In the course of the meeting, a wide spectrum of issues related to the Pridnestrovian settlement negotiation process was discussed. In the context of a regular meeting of the Permanent Conference on Political Issues in the Framework of the Pridnestrovian Settlement Negotiation Process in the 5+2 format, scheduled for late February in Dublin, Ireland, the participants reiterated their intention to negotiate in the constructive and consistent way.

Noting the need to improve economic situation, the quality of life and extend interaction, the interlocutors agreed to step up the work of expert (working) groups on confidence building measures in accordance with the adopted Regulations. The sides agreed to continue efforts on the resumption of a full passenger and freight railway communication through the Pridnestrovian railroad segment, and on the restoration of telephone communication, including fixed and mobile.

In connection with the current situation in the Security Zone, the participants of the meeting stressed their willingness to seek solutions aimed at stabilizing the situation.

The participants also thanked Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Konstantin Grishchenko for the assistance in organizing the meeting.