

## JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

On June 20, 2012, during the Conference on Developing Confidence Building Measures in the Pridnestrovian Conflict Settlement Process in Rottach-Egern, Germany, organized by the OSCE, a high-level meeting took place between Vlad Filat and Evgeny Shevchuk. The leaders discussed possible ways of developing cooperation in economic, social, humanitarian and other spheres.

The participants of the meeting positively marked the intensified direct dialogue between Kishinev and Tiraspol. Satisfaction was expressed regarding the resumed activity of working (expert) groups on confidence building measures, reopening of the freight railway traffic through Pridnestrovie, simplified regime of movement during Easter holidays, joint efforts in 2012 to enable reciprocal recreation of 200 children in summer camps, cancellation of a 100% duty for import of Moldova's goods to enhance bilateral trade.

In the course of the meeting, the sides agreed to continue efforts on reopening movement across the Dniester River near villages Bychok and Gura Bycului that will enable the opening of an international transport corridor. The sides discussed the prospects of an early restoration of additional passenger rail routes in traditional directions through Tiraspol: Rostov, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Chernovtsy and others.

The sides reviewed implementation of the Protocol Decision on the Resumption of a Full-Scale Freight Railway Communication from March 30, 2012. The need for detailed import and export procedures, and stable full functioning of the rail traffic was noted. The sides expressed their intention to improve mechanisms of implementation of existing agreements in this area.

Furthermore, the restart of road passenger and cargo transportation was considered. It was marked that solution of these issues on the basis of concerted and mutually advantageous principles of cooperation would be a significant step in further normalization of relations in the field of free movement, which would create prerequisites for the building of trust and addressing other important issues.