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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Russian Foreign Ministry Special Envoy and Ambassador at Large Igor Savolsky Meets with Transnistria Leadership, Senior Moldova Officials and Co-Mediators from Ukraine and OSCE**

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On August 30-31 Igor Savolsky, Russian Foreign Ministry Special Envoy and Ambassador at Large, held meetings in Chisinau with the Transnistrian leadership, the representatives of the leadership of Moldova and the co-mediators from Ukraine and the OCSE with the aim of unblocking the crisis in the region.

It was stated that a solution had been found to the so called school problem, notably - the registration on the Transnistria territory of educational institutions established by education bodies of Moldova, thus removing the political acuteness of this dispute between the parties concerning not the language of instruction, but the questions of jurisdiction, of educational programs and standards. Under the new conditions, in the co-mediators' view, the possibility is opening up for a return to discussing issues at the negotiating table in a five-party format.

The Russian side again pointed out the counterproductiveness of unilateral actions and of the use of methods of economic pressure and blockade.

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