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Statement on the
meeting between the Prime-Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Vladimir Filat and
the leader of Transnistria, Evgheny Shevchuk
on 27 January 2012 in Odessa

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank the Ukrainian Delegation for raising this issue in the Permanent Council. On behalf of the Moldovan Government I would like to express our gratitude to Ukrainian side for its initiative of hosting a meeting in Odessa, on January 27, between the Prime-Minister Vladimir Filat and the Transnistrian leader Evgheny Shevchiuk. In this regard, we appreciate mediation offices of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Konstantin Gryshchenko.

In the meeting it was discussed a large range of issues related to the Transnistrian settlement, with particular emphasis on the promotion of the confidence building measures. The parties agreed to concentrate their work on the economic issues, railway transportation and telecommunications, aiming at resumption of the whole railway communication and re-establishing the stationary and mobile phone connections. In the same context, it was agreed to intensify activity of the sectorial expert groups on the basis of the adopted Regulations.

Approaching the upcoming meeting in the 5+2 format, in Dublin, later this month, the parties has expressed their intentions to continue negotiations in a constructive and coherent manner.

Mr. Chairman, we are at the beginning of a more pragmatic dialogue, focused on resolving practical problems with a certain impact on the life of people and political atmosphere on the both banks of the Nistru River. We hope that this dialogue will lead us to substantial discussions, in the 5+2 format, on the political issues related to a comprehensive settlement of the Transnistrian problem, based on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova and the adoption of a special legal status of the Transnistrian region.

Thank you.