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EU statement on the meeting in the “5 + 2” format in Vienna

The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the meeting in the “5 + 2” format in Vienna, issued on 18 April 2012 in Brussels:

“I welcome the break-through achieved today in Vienna by the participants of the 5+2 official talks on the Transnistrian issue. Agreement was reached on the principles and procedures for the conduct of negotiations and on the substantial scope of the agenda for the future talks.

This is an important achievement, which should provide new momentum towards a comprehensive settlement. I commend the participants on the political will and flexibility shown and the significant efforts made by the Irish Chairmanship in Office of the OSCE in this process.

The EU looks forward to a fruitful and substantial next round of talks in Vienna in July.”