The energy crisis and free movement were the main topics of discussion between political representatives from Chisinau and Tiraspol



The working meeting of the political representatives in the negotiations process for the Transnistrian settlement from Chisinau, Oleg Serebrian, and Tiraspol, Vitaly Ignatiev was held on December 2nd this year, at the headquarters of the OSCE Mission in Chisinau, with the presence of the delegates of the ‘5+2’ negotiation format participants.

The main topics of the meeting were the energy crisis and the most pressing issues faced by the inhabitants on the both banks of the Nistru river, in the context of the very difficult situation in this sector; concurrently with the meeting of the chief negotiators, energy experts convened in a separate meeting room within the OSCE Mission and discussed the issue emphasizing the need to coordinate actions in emergency situations and move towards a sustainable solution to the problems affecting the both banks.

Chisinau addressed the issue of free movement and the barriers encountered by various categories of citizens, including journalists and representatives of civil society, when passing through unauthorized Tiraspol checkpoints located within the area of the Security Zone, in contravention of the provisions of the Agreement dated July 21st, 1992, urging for the removal of all unjustified obstacles, ensuring unhindered movement of citizens to and from localities in the Transnistrian region and applying proportional approaches as it is done on the right bank.

With reference to Tiraspol's claims related to control measures carried out by border police officers during the crossing of the Chisinau International Airport by representatives of Transnistrian structures, it was stated that it is essential to comply with the notification mechanism for non-private trips (established since August 1),

through the communication channel of political representatives, and it was recommended to stop the acid and inadmissible rhetoric towards Moldovan authorities.

On the issue of imports of medicines intended for consumption in the eastern districts of the country, it was reiterated the need for their compliance with safety and quality standards in force, compliance with the conformity rules, harmonized with international standards and EU legislation, standardization of profile nomenclatures on both banks, exclusion of dual registers on the territory of the country, re-establishment of the sole space in the medical and pharmaceutical field.

The Deputy Prime Minister for Reintegration raised the case of citizen Plescanov Victor, illegally deprived of liberty by the representatives of the structures in the eastern districts of the country, and requested information about his health and the fact that his life is out of danger, to which an evasive answer was received, and the assistance of the OSCE Mission on this case was requested, including a fact-finding visit to the place of detention.

The political representatives expressed their readiness to contribute to the dynamization of the negotiation process and to hold a further working meeting in this format before the end of this year.

