Working groups on economy met after a break of almost one year



02.11.2021, Chisinau – Working groups on economic issues held today an online meeting after a break of almost one year, in the OSCE Mission's Chisinau office. Vadim Gumene, head of the working group, State Secretary of the Ministry of Economy, chaired the meeting on behalf of Chisinau authorities.

Moldovan side proposed to review the state of implementation of the Protocol Decision "On the interaction in the veterinary field, quarantine and plant protection" of 15 February 2018. Also, views were exchanged on draft Protocol Decision on cooperation for the elimination of technical barriers to trade and consumer protection. Chisinau recalled its readiness to formalize the draft Protocol Decision at the level of Working Groups' coordinators and waits for Tiraspol's position.

It was agreed to continue, during the meeting of phytosanitary and veterinary experts, the detailed discussions on issues related to introduction into the country and use of veterinary and phytosanitary products, as well as plant protection products. Meeting is to take place in the near future.

Experts from Tiraspol tackled the issues related to the import of certain categories of goods in the Transnistrian region, as well the difficulties encountered by several large enterprises in the region while conducting external trade operations. The Moldovan side stressed that competent authorities of the Republic of Moldova are aware about these issues and undertake efforts to identify viable and fair solutions.

The issues of freight and passenger vehicles were also addressed by Tiraspol' experts. The so-called participation blockage was invoked for these means of transport in international road traffic, as a result of which considerable financial losses are incurred. Understanding the topicality of the subject, the Moldovan side mentioned that authorities of the Republic of Moldova approach the issue from the humanitarian

point of view. Consultations will continue to be developed on the dialogue platform of political representatives and working groups on transport and road infrastructure.

Last meeting of these working groups was held on December 4, 2020, in an online format.

