Meeting of political representatives



04.11.2021, Chisinau – The working meeting of the political representatives in the negotiations process for the Transnistrian settlement took place in the OSCE Mission's Chisinau office.

Aspects related to the activation of sectoral working groups were discussed. The recent activity resumption of the working groups on economy and social issues was appreciated. The parties agreed on convening, beginning with the next week, of other working groups' meetings (education, human rights, health care, ecology, railway transport, customs issues, etc.). The predisposition for a constructive, result-oriented activity was highlighted.

In this context, Chisinau has emphasized in particular the need of providing suitable premises for Latin script schools which would meet educational standards, respecting the rights of children, ensuring free circulation, removing technical barriers to trade, implementing joint measures to fights against Covid-19, distributing humanitarian aid and vaccine doses and settling other burning issues.

The transport issue had been also addressed. Chisinau mentioned that great efforts have been channeled towards streamlining the activity of the Vehicles Registration Offices in Tiraspol and Ribnita. It was noticed that Chisinau created an opportunity to issue additional certificates, directly within the VROs premises, thus significantly facilitating the issuing process of neutral license plates. Reduction of tariffs for certain public services and the possibility of benefiting from services in a shorter period of time were highlighted along other technical solutions.

With regard to ambulances fitted with special equipment, it was specified that options for appropriate solutions had been developed and proposed, currently being subject to legislative consultations. The dialogue on buses and commercial vehicles will continue in the coming period.

Consultations are currently ongoing with regard to the next 5+2 negotiation round; an official answer will be provided in the near future.

The perspectives were discussed on launching a trolleybus line between Varnita village and Bender, with financial support of international partners. A compromise was reached on the necessity to ensure free movement on this potential route. The need to continue the work on technical details was also stressed.

As agreed, consultations on current issues on the agenda will continue in the near future.