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The Chair of the delegation, Ms MIKKO, opened the meeting at 10.20 hours. She welcomed EU Special Representative to the Republic of Moldova, Mr JACOBOVITS DE SZEGED, and Commission's representative, Mr DE LUTZENBERGER. Draft agenda was adopted without amendments.

Mr JACOBOVITS DE SZEGED started by explaining the new customs regime between Kiev and Chisinau. He said that the Transnistrian government made impossible for its businesses to export, in order to provoke a crisis. He noticed that Transnistrian side intended not to stop the crisis until the next Ukrainian government is in place. He then mentioned the 5+2 negotiations in Moscow. He said that EU monitoring of the Transnistrian-Ukrainian border was going well. He said that the recent incident in the Varnitsa station occupied by Transnistrians was unacceptable. He stressed that the EU should continue to support Ukraine. He finally reminded that Russian troops had to leave Moldovan territory as agreed under the Istanbul agreement.

Ms MIKKO thanked Mr JACOBOVITS DE SZEGED and gave the floor to Mr DE LUTZENBERGER.

Mr DE LUTZENBERGER agreed with Mr JACOBOVITS DE SZEGED. He said that there were two additional points: the future of the border assistance mission and the implementation of the EU-Moldova Action Plan. He noticed that Moldova had made serious progress. However, he added that concerns remained about human rights, democratisation and the Pasat case.

Ms MIKKO thanked Mr DE LUTZENBERGER and gave the floor to Mr GOMOLKA.

Mr GOMOLKA pointed out that EU should be consistent. He reminded that Moscow artificially restricted Moldovan wine exports. He said that there was a necessity to facilitate trade with Moldova. He mentioned his recent visit to Romania and stressed the need to make Moldova more attractive. He commented about the Pasat case and said that there were clear political reasons in the affair. He proposed then to listen to Mr PASAT during the next visit to Moldova. He finally said that Moldova's membership would depend on its preparedness to meet all the criteria.

Ms MIKKO said that she had requested to have a discussion with Mr PASAT. She also proposed to organise a mini-session with regard to the Russian ban of Moldovan wine. She agreed with Mr GOMOLKA on the necessity to facilitate Moldovan exports, including Moldovan wine.

Mr JACOBOVITS DE SZEGED agreed with the idea to give support to Moldova.

Mr DE LUTZENBERGER said that there was a clear need to diversify Moldova's exports. He reminded that Moldova was already benefiting from the GSP+ system. He added that Moldova needed to look for new markets for its exports.

Ms ANDRIKIENE reminded that Transnistria had withdrawn from the 5+2 negotiations. He asked the question about the progress in the negotiations.

Mr JACOBOVITS DE SZEGED said that Transnistrian enterprises were not deprived from exporting. He pointed out that the solution was not difficult to find but political will was missing. He reminded that the EU and US had the status of observers and not mediators. He said that the EU could fully participate but Transnistria had left the negotiations and actually was supported by Russia.

Mr DE LUTZENBERGER stressed the need to promote the cross-border cooperation between Moldova and Romania. He said that the Commission was very active.

Ms MIKKO said that the situation in Moldova was very serious and that the Russian ban of Moldovan wine was alarming. She referred again to the situation in Varnitsa station.

Mr JACOBVITS DE SZEGED said that Mr SMIRNOV is stronger than he was six months earlier, and that actually he was talking about the recognition of Transnistria's independence and joining the Russian Federation. He pointed out the humanitarian and financial assistance from Moscow. He said that EU should continue to support Ukraine.

Ms MIKKO asked about the Commission's position on the referendum in Transnistria.

Mr DE LUTZENBERGER said that the Commission was very concerned. He reminded that the EU did not recognise Transnistria nor any form of referendum in the separatist region.

Ms SCHROEDTER said that withdrawal of the Russian troops was a key issue. She said that the EU had to put pressure on Moscow in order to stop the financial assistance to the separatist region.

The vice-chair of the delegation, Mr KACIN, said that Russian interference in Transnistria should be put on the agenda of the next EU-Russia Summit.

Ms MIKKO supported the idea of Mr KACIN. She drew attention of members to the statements on the border assistance mission and the Russian wine ban. She thanked all the participants. The meeting was closed at 11.20 hours.

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