



Press Release

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Chisinau

EU Senior Officials Visit to the Republic of Moldova in preparation of the next Association Council in Brussels

Following the Council Conclusions of 15 February 2016, Mr Christian Danielsson, Director General of the European Commission for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, and Mr Thomas Mayr-Harting, Managing Director of the European External Action Service, held meetings today with the Moldovan authorities in Chisinau to discuss a priority reform action roadmap and prepare the Association Council between Moldova and the European Union to be held in Brussels.

They met with Prime-Minister Pavel Filip, Speaker of the Parliament Andrian Candu, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration Andrei Galbur, representatives of the opposition, as well as the IMF mission chief, Mrs Ivanna Vladkova-Hollar.

They stressed the importance of the Government urgently committing to clear deadlines for rapid implementation of the individual priority actions for review at the Association Council.

The following areas were identified, inter alia, as particular priorities in preparation of the Association Council:

- Rapid conclusion of an **Agreement with the International Monetary Fund;**
- **Reform of the Banking Sector** and a thorough and impartial investigation leading to prosecution of those responsible for fraud;
- Adoption and **implementation of key measures to tackle Corruption;**
- **Reform of the Prosecution Service and of the Judicial Sector;**
- Implementation of **Public Administration Reform**, including a constructive **dialogue with all stakeholders** on the implementation of the Reform Roadmap.

Background information:

The Foreign Ministers of the European Union adopted Council Conclusions on the Republic of Moldova on 15 February:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2016/02/15-fac-moldova-conclusions/?utm_source=dsms-auto&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Council+conclusions+on+the+Republic+of+Moldova

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