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## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

## **Statement on Transnistria Talks**

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly to the Permanent Council, Vienna February 2, 2012

The United States welcomes the January 27 talks in Odessa between Moldovan Prime Minister Vlad Filat and Transnistrian representative Yevgeny Shevchuk to increase contacts between their populations and improve cross-boundary trade and telephone links. We hope that these talks will lead to positive developments in the 5+2 discussions slated to take place by the end of this month in Dublin.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.