

Yesterday President Toomas Hendrik Ilves received Eduard Melnic, the Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova, who presented his credentials.

The Estonian Head of State said that open, frank, and trusting relations between Moldova and the European Union member states are necessary.

“Currently, these relations depend primarily on developments in Moldova,” said President Ilves. “I advise you to use all the existing opportunities to converge with the European Union; of significant importance is the substantive implementation of the Neighborhood Policy plan of action and the understanding that the European Union integration course of the Moldova leadership must be clearly defined and objectified by the appropriate reform package.”

The Estonian Head of State confirmed that the Transnistria problem requires resolution; this is the common position of the European Union and all of Moldova’s friends.

“Preserving the status quo of frozen conflicts “freezes” these conflicts further,” said President Ilves. “The resolution of the Transnistria question requires patience, a sense of calm, and forward thinking on the part of all the parties, as well as the other participants involved in the negotiations.”

The Estonian Head of State and Ambassador Melnic also discussed Estonian-Moldovan cooperation, stressing the unused opportunities in international economic relations.

“Moldova in one of the priority country in Estonia’s European Union Neighborhood Policy and bilateral developmental cooperation,” affirmed President Ilves. “We support your reforms and are sharing our experiences—for instance, Estonia is continuing projects in Moldova in the field of environmental and IT education and we are planning projects for your media and tax advisors.”

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