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Igor Dodon: On behalf of Moldova, I would like to thank Russia for the specific steps it has taken since the beginning of this year. There has been significant progress on the issues agreed with Vladimir Putin in early January, including in terms of exports and migration policies. In the first three months of this year, Moldova's exports to the Russian Federation increased 42 percent, and surged five to seven times in specific product categories that are of special interest to us, such as agricultural products, wine and apples.

Thank you very much for the assistance Russia provides to our immigrants. There have been several legalisation waves in Russia, and tens of thousands of immigrants were able to obtain legal status.

Dmitry Medvedev: We are meeting on the sidelines of the meeting of the Organisation for Black Sea Cooperation, which is a great opportunity to compare notes and assess progress in the implementation of your agreements with the Russian President, as well as the overall state of economic cooperation. In recent years there have been quite a few issues, but we now have an opportunity to move forward and resolve the existing issues. Let's discuss the approaches that can be used, including those that can help solve the system-wide issues that have accumulated in relations between our two countries recently. I hope they will be resolved in the future.