THE PROTOCOL
On mutual recognition of validity on the territory of Pridnestrovie and the Republic
of Moldova of the documents issued by competent bodies of the Parties

May 16th, 2001

For the purpose of implementation of the Joint Statement of heads of Republic
Moldova and Pridnestrovie of April 9th, 2001, being guided by Memorandum
provisions "About basis of normalisation of relations between Republic Moldova
and Pridnestrovie" of May 8th, 1997, Pridnestrovie and Republic Moldova (further
named the Parties) have agreed as follows:

1. To recognise on the territory of Pridnestrovie and Republic Moldova validity of
the following documents which are issued by the competent bodies of the Parties:
   a. Certificates on civil registration;
   b. Identification cards and passports;
   c. Driver's licences, certificates of vehicle and licence plates registration;
   d. Certificates of education;
   e. The documents issued and certified by notary offices;
   f. Certificates on the state registration of legal bodies;
   g. Work record cards, documents of the seniority, pension documents, and also the
documents confirming the right to privileges (under condition of their validity on
the territories of the Parties);
   h. Permits, licences, certificates and other documents which are issued by
   corresponding bodies;

2. The documents which are issued by competent bodies of the Parties for carrying
out foreign trade activities are to be agreed upon by the Parties before July 1st,

   Documents should contain symbols of the Parties, the internationally recognised
   logos and be made out in the languages used by the Parties.

   The parties when due hereunder notify the foreign states and the international
   organizations on the documents agreed by the Parties.

3. The documents specified above should be without fail certified by the
organization or specially for that purpose authorized person within their
competence under the established form.

4. Institutions of justice of the Parties submit each other upon request data on the
legislation which is or was operating in their territory and on practice of its
application.

5. The parties undertake to send each other without translation and free of charge
copies of records of civil registration and other documents, concerning personal or property rights, or interests of citizens of the party being requested and other persons living on its territory.

6. To propose Parliament of Republic Moldova and the Supreme Soviet of Pridnestrovie to study the issue of the order of execution on the territory of Republic Moldova and Pridnestrovie of executive documents issued by judicial bodies of the parties.

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