On the meeting of mediators from Ukraine, the Russian Federation, and the OSCE with the representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria

(Odessa, 26-27 September 2005)

On 26-27 September 2005, in the city of Odessa, political representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria, the mediators from Ukraine, the Russian Federation, and the OSCE, as a follow-up to the Ukrainian initiative regarding the Transdniestrian settlement have agreed as follows:

-- The participants in the meeting welcome participation of the European Union and the United States in further negotiation process in capacity of observers. In that connection they have agreed to the OSCE-proposed Protocol “The Rights and responsibilities of observers to the negotiation process” as well as to hold the next round of negotiations in the “5 plus 2” format on 27-28 October 2005 in Chisinau-Tiraspol.

The participants in the meeting welcome the efforts of the OSCE Mission to Moldova to organize monitoring of enterprises of the industrial-military complex of Transdniestria and agree to hold working consultations, to be organized by Head of the OSCE Mission, with the goal of elaborating a reconciled draft Protocol on the organization of the above monitoring.

The results of the work done shall be examined in the course of the next meeting to be held on 27-28 October 2005.

On behalf of the Republic of Moldova                              On behalf of Transdniestria

On behalf of the OSCE  On behalf of the Russian Federation  On behalf of Ukraine
The rights and responsibilities of the observers to the negotiation process:

1. The observers are entitled to take part in the official and working sessions of all levels of the negotiation process.
2. The observers shall have the right of vote and the right to take the floor and speak in the course of sessions of the negotiation process.
3. The observers shall have the right to put and answer questions.
4. In the course of sessions, the sides are entitled to address questions to the observers and request their expertise.
5. The observers are not entitled to put their signatures under the documents adopted in the framework of the negotiation process.
6. The observers shall not take part in the adoption of decisions related to the negotiation process issues.
7. The observers shall have the right to comment on the issues related to the negotiation process.
8. The observers shall not convene sessions in the framework of the negotiation process.
9. The observers shall be entitled to come forward with the initiative to convene a session in the framework of the negotiation process.
10. The observers shall be entitled to hold separate consultations with each party to the negotiation process, as well as with the mediators.
11. The observers shall have the right to initiate organization of meetings, seminars, which might facilitate the solution of problems discussed in the framework of the negotiation process.
12. The observers do not chair sessions held in the framework of the negotiation process.