

DECLARATION of the leaders of Moldova and Pridnestrovie

April 28, 1994

Proceeding from common mutual interests and the need for a fair settlement of the conflict,

Reaffirming commitment to goals and principles of the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Covenants on economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights and other international legal acts, documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Council of Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Aware of the responsibility for strengthening stability and security, and seeking to take their rightful place in the community of democratic state governed by the rule of law,

Upholding the role of the CSCE Mission and mediation efforts of the Russian Federation in conflict settlement, the Parties regret to state that mistakes made in the process of formation of new independent states have caused social and political tensions and split in the society, the armed conflict with grievous and tragic consequences for both Parties: human lives have been lost, many people have become refugees, extensive material damage has been caused, earlier established economic, financial and socio-cultural relations have been destroyed.

THE PARTIES ARE CONVINCED that new socio-political situation has established which is seen as a major prerequisite for a successful resolution of the crisis.

THE PARTIES DECLARE that all existing disagreements can and should be settled in accordance with the will and in the interests of the people on the basis of existing social, economic and political realities.

THE PARTIES EXPRESS THEIR COMMITMENT to universally recognized principles and norms of dispute resolution only through negotiations and exclusively by peaceful means on the basis of mutual understanding and mutual consent.

THE PARTIES WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT recommendations of the CSCE Mission, considerations of the Russian Federation and positive experience of peaceful settlement of conflict in other regions of the world.

THE PARTIES AGREED:

- a) immediately and without prior conditions to start negotiations on a whole range of issues of mutual interest;
- b) to remove all barriers that impede normal realization of household-economic and

socio-cultural ties, to ensure their restoration and development;

a) to establish mutually beneficial relations in economic, trade, monetary and other life spheres in the interests of the entire population.

THE PARTIES AGREED UPON:

a) the need to determine the state-legal status of Pridnestrovie;

b) the need for a step-by-step program for establishing and implementing state-legal relations;

c) the delegation and division of powers of the Parties;

d) the transition period for gradual implementation of mutual agreements on each specific field of activity;

e) the need to create the system of mutual guarantees, including international ones on complete and unconditional implementation of the reached agreements.

FOR MOLDOVAN SIDE

(signed) M. SNEGUR

FOR PRIDNESTROVIEN SIDE

(signed) I. SMIRNOV