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(signed) M. Snegur

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PROTOCOL DECISION
on Resolution of Problems Emerged in Activity of Customs Services
of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie

February 7, 1996

City of Tiraspol

Pursuant to agreements reached by the leaders of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie on April 28, 1994, December 21, 1994 and February 15, 1995, accounting for agreement of the heads of customs structures of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie, the following decision is adopted:

1. To remove customs points of Pridnestrovie on entering Pridnestrovian region from the Republic of Moldova, with the Pridnestrovian side retaining the right for non-customs control of shipment of cargoes from Pridnestrovie.
2. To establish joint customs points on the border with Ukraine based on intergovernmental agreement, providing it with modern facilities.
3. From March 10, 1996 customs clearance of cargoes moving from Pridnestrovie shall be carried out by customs organs of the Pridnestrovian region by using new stamps and seals reading "The Republic of Moldova. Pridnestrovie. Customs of Tiraspol" in Moldovan and Russian, with the right of customs registration of all Pridnestrovian cargoes.
4. The Pridnestrovian side shall settle issue on introduction of import customs fees adequately acting in the Republic of Moldova on goods produced in far-abroad countries, except for foodstuffs (excluding wine-vodka and tobacco products).
5. Prior to bringing into effect of a new tariff protection in customs organs of Pridnestrovie, admission and completing of registration of cargoes of Pridnestrovian economic agents passing via customs points of the Republic of Moldova shall be performed only given customs registration of Pridnestrovie without collecting customs fees.
6. The Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie ensure unimpeded and duty-free passage of cargoes imported to the Parties from far abroad and Baltic countries, provided that conditions of point 4 are fulfilled.
7. The Pridnestrovian side shall enter into obligations to provide the Customs Department of the Republic of Moldova with opportune and immediate information about cargoes from

far abroad, shipped into the Republic of Moldova through Pridnestrovie.

8. To carry out mutual exchange of normative documents regulating customs activity of relevant services of the Parties. To perform immediate exchange of information between customs organs of the Parties in order to reveal and suppress breaches of customs rules and smuggling activities.

9. For immediate solution of questions on interaction between customs services and unification (accommodation) of normative documents, to hold regular working meetings at the level of relevant executive heads.

10. Customs Department of the Republic of Moldova shall present means of customs identification of Pridnestrovie to customs organs of the CIS countries.

11. Customs Department of the Republic of Moldova shall provide customs organs of Pridnestrovie with legislative framework in the line of Agreement on Customs Union of the CIS countries.

12. The results of fulfillment of this Protocol are summed up once in a quarter with introduction of modifications and amendments, if necessary.

13. This Decision enters into force upon signing.

For the Moldovan side (signed) V. Kunev

For the Pridnestrovian side (signed) V. Sinyov

Approved **For the Republic of Moldova**
G. Khiotare
(signed)

Approved **For Pridnestrovie**
M. Rudakov
(signed)

This Protocol Decision is signed and approved in the presence of mediators from:

The OSCE (signed) **M. Wygant**

Russia (signed) **Y. Karlov**

Ukraine (signed) **E. Levitsky**