

PROTOCOL
of the Working Meeting of the Leadership
of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie

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Tiraspol

The leadership of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie, based on the need for a speedy implementation of the Memorandum on the Bases for Normalization of Relations between the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie, from May 8, 1997 agreed as follows:

1. Within a month, in the framework of the JCC, to work out and start implementation of the mechanism of control over exploitation and safeguard of the highway bridge near the village Gura Bycului.

2. Within a month, the heads of working groups established in accordance with the Paragraph 4 of the Protocol from May 24, 1997, shall prepare draft documents in the following areas:

- external economic activity;
- customs service;
- education;
- fight against crime.

3. Expert groups of the Parties shall develop mechanism for implementation of the part one of Article 3 of the Memorandum.

4. Within a ten-day period, in the framework of the JCC, with the involvement of experts seconded to it, to provide analysis of the course of implementation of the Agreement from July 21, 1992, and to propose concrete measures to ensure realization of its provisions and reduction of military confrontation in the security zone.

5. The Parties agreed to the need to speed up elaboration of the mechanism of Ukraine's involvement in the peacekeeping operation.

The Parties agreed to accelerate the bringing of Dubossarsky road bridge into action.

6. Agreement was reached in the working out of the mechanism of operative exchange of information between the leadership of the Parties.

For Pridnestrovie
(signed) I. Smirnov

For the Republic of Moldova
(signed) P. Lucinschi

In the presence of:

For the Russian Federation (signed)

For Ukraine (signed)

For the OSCE (signed)