

AGREEMENT

on Confidence Measures and Development of Contacts between the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie

The leadership of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Proceeding from the provisions, set down in the Memorandum on the Bases for Normalization of Relations between the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie of May 8, 1997, in statements of the Presidents of the Russian Federation and Ukraine,

Striving to bring closer a complete settlement of the conflict,

With a view to creating an atmosphere conducive to the re-establishment of mutual understanding and the facilitation of contacts between people,

have agreed to implement the following measures without delay:

First. Within a period of two months to reduce the numerical composition of the peace-keeping forces of the Republic of Moldova and of the Pridnestrovian region in the security zone down to approximately 500 military men from each side together with their military equipment and arms.

Second. In co-ordination with the Joint Military Command to reduce the number of stationary checkpoints and posts of the Joint Peacekeeping Force, replacing them by mobile patrolling.

Third. Within a month the Joint Control Commission (JCC) is to submit an analysis of the fulfillment of the Agreement on Principles of the Peaceful Settlement of the Armed Conflict of July 21, 1992 with a view to outlining measures to secure the complete implementation of its provisions and a lessening of the military confrontation in the security zone taking into account its stage-by-stage demilitarization. Proceeding from this perspective, the Parties support the proposal to despatch into the security zone Ukrainian peace-keepers (at the present moment - monitors).

Fourth. The Commission for Co-ordination and Safeguarding of the Process of Negotiations within two months shall work out coordinated proposals concerning the stage-by-stage reduction of the number of border posts between the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie together with other measures with the purpose of establishing a regime that favors the movement of people, commodities and services.