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PROTOCOL
of the Meeting of Delegations
of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie

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Tiraspol

Having considered agenda issues, the Parties agreed as follows:

1. On customs activity

The Pridnestrovian side shall within a five-day period give official letter on the mechanism of levying customs charges on external frontiers suggested by the Moldovan side, and shall introduce its proposals.

2. On relations in energy complex

Joint working group on streamlining of reciprocal debts of economic agents of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie (V. Kosarchuk, A. Blashku) shall by June 1, 2000 consider and formalize by appropriate acts the debt of economic agents of the Republic of Moldova for electric power before the Moldovan GRES.

To ask the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova to examine proposals of the Government of the Republic of Moldova on repayment of the debt of the State Enterprise Moldtranselectro for the consumed electric power from the Moldovan GRES in accordance with the Law on Restructuring of the Debt of Enterprises of Electro-Technical Complex of the Republic of Moldova of April 1, 1999 No 336-XIV.

3. On import of goods on the territory of Pridnestrovie subject to certification.

To instruct Department of Technical Supervision, Standardization and Metrology of the Republic of Moldova and State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Certification of Pridnestrovie within a period of 10 days to prepare corresponding protocol to be signed by the Parties based upon joint proposals from May 11, 2000.

4. On guarantees for securing activity of foreign investors and entrepreneurs on the territory of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie.

The Moldovan side within a ten-day period shall consider draft Joint Statement of the Leaders of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie "On Guarantees for Securing Activity of Foreign Investors and Entrepreneurs on the Territory of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie", presented by the Pridnestrovian side.

5. On recognition on the territories of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie of documents issued by competent authorities of Pridnestrovie

The Moldovan side within a two-week period shall regard draft Protocol on Recognition on the Territories of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie of Documents Issued by Competent Authorities of Pridnestrovie, forwarded by the Pridnestrovian side on May 4, 2000.

6. On exploitation of the Moldovan railway and reconstruction of bridges.

To note that Protocol Decision from June 2, 1998 on Exploitation of the Moldovan Railway is not executed.

The Moldovan side proposes:

In view of the Memorandum-Agreement concluded by the State Enterprise Railways of Moldova with the Council of Creditors, and decision of the European Commission on allotting 1 mln. Euro in the year 2000 for elaboration of the project on railway transport restructuring in the framework of the TACIS program, to impose moratorium on the Protocol Decision from June 21, 1998 about the creation of the enterprise Pridnestrovian Branch of Railways.

The Pridnestrovian side adheres to the position of the need to fulfill Protocol Decision from June 21, 1998.

Previously adopted decision on carrying out works on the Dubossary Bridge, as it pertains to bringing up its load-bearing capacity to 50 tones, is not executed.

To take into consideration information of the Moldovan side on the work on reconstruction of the Gura-Bykului bridge across the river Dniester.

7. On cooperation of courts in the field of economic disputes.

The Moldovan side within a two-week period shall review draft document on cooperation of courts in the field of economic disputes, presented by the Pridnestrovian side on May 4, 2000.

8. On streamlining of reciprocal debts of economic agents of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie.

Joint working group on streamlining of reciprocal debts of economic agents of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie (V. Kosarchuk, A. Blashku) shall consider issues of debt repayment of economic entities of the Republic of Moldova before economic entities of Pridnestrovie for the consumed gas, water and effluent treatment.

9. On involvement of a representative of the Pridnestrovian side in the working out of international documents by the Republic of Moldova.

To delegate a representative of Pridnestrovie to the MFA of the Republic of Moldova for participation in the working out of international documents, affecting interests of Pridnestrovie.

For Pridnestrovie
(signed) V. Sinyov

For the Republic of Moldova
(signed) D. Bragish

This Protocol is signed in the presence of representatives of:

The Russian Federation
(signed) L. Novozhilov

Ukraine
(signed) E. Levitsky

the OSCE
(signed) W. Hill