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**PROTOCOL DECISION
on Harmonization of Tax and Customs Legislations**

May 16, 2001

Tiraspol

Following the provisions of the April 9, 2001 Joint Statement of the leaders of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie, the May 8, 1997 Memorandum on the Bases for Normalization of Relations Between the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie, the July 16, 1999 Joint Statement of the Participants of the Kiev Meeting on the Issues of Normalization of Relations Between the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie, and in order to establish necessary conditions for a real improvement of the economic situation, well-being of the population, the Parties have agreed as follows:

1. To take as a basis for regulating by the Parties import and export operations tax and customs legislation envisaging requirements of the World Trade Organization and the World Customs Organization, as well as legislations of the CIS and European community participating states.

To establish an expert working group for studying legislations and putting forward proposals by July 15, 2001 on changing tax and customs legislations of the Parties.

2. To put the legislations of the Parties, by December 31, 2001 in line with the regime or unimpeded movement of physical persons, as well as goods and services throughout the territory of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie; then to remove internal customs and tax posts located at the entry and exit points from both sides.

3. To consider the question about establishing beginning from September 1, 2001 joint customs control on the State border between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

For Pridnestrovie

(signed) V.SINYOV

(signed) E.CHERNENKO

(signed) V.MUDRIK

For the Republic of Moldova

(signed) M. MANOLI

(signed) P.VEVERITSE

(signed) A.STRATAN