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THE PROTOCOL DECISION
on Measures to Ensure Unobstructed Media Activity
on the Territory of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie,
Dissemination of Periodicals, Broadcasting of TV and Radio Programs

May 16, 2001

Tiraspol

Being guided by the provisions of the Joint Statement of the Leaders of the Republic Moldova and Pridnestrovie of April 9, 2001 as well as with the view of creating conditions for cooperation in the field of mass media, the Parties have agreed as follows:

I. Cooperation in the field of tele-radio broadcasting

1. State Company "Teleradio-Moldova" and TV of Pridnestrovie, Radio Pridnestrovie hereinafter referred to as the Parties, will co-operate on parity, contractual basis, being guided by reciprocity principles in their activity. The basic directions of cooperation:

- Co-production of TV and radio programs highlighting a wide range of questions of public, economic, cultural and sports life of the Parties;
- Mutual exchange of experience in teleradio broadcasting area;
- Establishment of a system of an operative exchange of news to a fuller highlighting of events on the ground;
- Exchange of radio and TV programs; organization of tele- and radio bridges, round tables promoting establishment of new contacts between the populations and economic agents of both banks of the Dniester;
- Mutual accreditation of correspondents.

2. The Parties have agreed to use the received materials in full or partially, without changing and deforming their contents and sense.

3. If necessary, the Parties will meet for carrying out consultations concerning development of bilateral cooperation.

II. Distribution of programs of radio and TV

1. The competent bodies of the Parties will provide the broadcasting of TV and radio programs of the Republic Moldova on the territory of Pridnestrovie and TV and radio programs of Pridnestrovie on the territory of the right bank of the Dniester.

Mutual information exchange about structures of the Parties, dealing with the issue of TV, radio broadcasting and use of frequency spectrum is to be carried out; the possibility of restoration of the network of distribution of programs of the Moldavian TV on the territory of Pridnestrovie will be considered, and also the control over the reception quality of TV and radio broadcasting with the aim of defining and implementing further measures on improvement of conditions of reception will be dealt with accordingly.

2. The distribution of television and radio programs on the territories of the Parties is provided on the basis of direct contracts between State Company “Teleradio-Moldova”, the television and broadcasting enterprises of Pridnestrovie, and also official bodies of TV and broadcasting of Pridnestrovie with the television and broadcasting enterprises of the Republic Moldova.

3. The competent bodies of the Parties will develop a document defining the order of mutual relations in the field of planning, coordination, distribution of radio frequencies and their sharing and control.

III. Interaction of news agencies

1. To carry out on a regular basis information exchange between news agencies “MOLDPRES” and “OLVIA – PRESS”.

2. To provide mutual accreditation of journalists for highlighting events.

3. To provide the accredited correspondents, on a mutual basis, with technical means for sending news to their agencies.

IV. Cooperation in the field of distribution of printing editions

1. The authorized bodies of the Parties will provide distribution of periodicals of Republic Moldova on the territory of Pridnestrovie and periodicals of Pridnestrovie on the territory of the Republic Moldova.

With that aim, the institutions of mail service of the Parties will conclude corresponding contracts and will make an exchange of necessary information for drawing up a uniform catalogue for carrying out subscription campaigns and selling periodicals through their structural divisions.

For Pridnestrovie

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