PROTOCOL DECISION

between Military Departments of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie regarding Confidence Building Measures

Proceeding from the necessity to provide stability in the region and in order to build confidence, following the provisions of the July 16, 1999 Joint Statement by the Participants of the Kiev Meeting on Normalization of Relations between the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie on principles of common defense space, defense departments of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) agreed as follows:

1. In order to organize interaction of the Parties, one is to establish direct lines o communication between the heads of Military Departments, main headquarters and operations desks of the Parties.

Executors: superior officers of main headquarters of the Parties

Terms: one month after signing the Protocol Decision

2. To establish joint commission in order to develop future lines of cooperation and coherent proposals on creating common defense space, along with mechanisms and the program of its realization.

Executors: the heads of the Parties

Terms: one month after signing the Protocol Decision

3. To develop project of common activities of the Parties on confidence building.

Executors: main headquarters of the Parties

Terms: two months upon signing the Protocol Decision

4. To exercise mutual reporting on maneuvers and other activities, held with the participation of the military forces (armed units); to invite representatives of the Parties as observers to monitor the conducted maneuvers.

Executors: main headquarters of the Parties **Terms:** upon signing the Protocol Decision

5. To define mechanisms of cooperation of representatives of the Parties with the Joint Control Commission and Joint Military Command of the Peacekeeping forces while settling problems in security area.

Executors: the heads of the Parties

Terms: upon signing the Protocol Decision

6. To hold regular meetings of representatives of the Parties in order to discuss current efforts, to estimate and to summarize the execution of joint plans.

Executors: the heads of the Parties

Terms: as may be necessary, but no less than once in a quarter.

This Protocol Decision was signed at Tiraspol, August 8, 2001 in two original counterparts in Russian and enters into force upon signing.

For Pridnestrovie (signed)

For the Republic of Moldova

(signed)