

PROTOCOL

of the Meeting of the Permanent Conference on Political Issues in the Framework of the Pridnestrovian Settlement Negotiation Process

(Kishinev, March 18, 2003)

Information of Political Representatives from the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovia on bilateral meetings between them was heard and taken into consideration. The participants of the meeting welcome restart of the activity of field experts, in particular, in the field of education and on holding of the joint census.

The participants of the meeting welcomed the signing of the draft Protocol on Establishing the Mechanism for Elaboration and Adoption of the Constitution of the Federal State by the representative of the Republic of Moldova, and took note of the Special Opinion of the Representative of the Republic of Moldova regarding the Protocol of the Working Meeting in the Framework of the Pridnestrovian Settlement Negotiation Process of March 18, 2003 (attached).

A coordinated decision of the sides to submit for consideration and adoption by legislative bodies of the sides of the draft Protocol on Establishing the Mechanism for Elaboration and Adoption of the Constitution of the Federal State before the end of March 2003 was taken into account.

Organization of a number of workshops on the problems of federal construction was deemed expedient.

The participants of the meeting consider necessary to develop recommendations concerning the mechanism for conducting a referendum on adoption of the Constitution of the Federal State.

The participants of the meeting agreed to continue developing the system of guarantees of a comprehensive settlement of the Pridnestrovian issue.

The Pridnestrovian side forwarded draft documents to the participants of the meeting – “On the Principles of Resolution of Issues of State Property between the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovia” and “Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Rights and Regulation of Ownership Relations”.

For the Republic of Moldova /signed/

For Pridnestrovia /signed/

For the OSCE /signed/ For the Russian Federation /signed/ For Ukraine /signed/

SPECIAL OPINION
of the Representative of the Republic of Moldova regarding
the Protocol of the Working Meeting in the Framework of the
Pridnestrovian Settlement
Negotiation Process of March 18, 2003

Under the words “Constitution of the Federal State” in documents of February 28, 2003, agreed at the working meeting in the framework of the negotiation process for the Pridnestrovian settlement, the Republic of Moldova understands “the new Constitution of the Republic of Moldova”.

/signed/ V. Shova

March 18, 2003