

PROTOCOL

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

(Kishinev-Tiraspol, October 27-28, 2005)

The participants of the meeting welcome the resumption of meetings of the Permanent Conference on Political Issues in the Framework of the Pridnestrovian Settlement Negotiation Process with the involvement of representatives of the European Union and the USA as observers.

The sides, mediators and observers address Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia D. Rupel with the request to continue consultations on assigning the International Assessment Mission under the guidance of the OSCE to analyze the situation and develop recommendations on conducting free democratic elections to the Pridnestrovian Supreme Council in the context of initiatives of Ukraine's President V. Yushenko.

The participants of the meeting stressed the need to start working on the agreement of documents from the Package titled "Arms Control – Confidence and Security Building Measures in Moldova" handed over to the sides by the mediators in July 2005.

The mediators and observers in the process of the Pridnestrovian settlement suggest that until December 1, 2005 the sides exchange information about military units of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovia, as well as about their weapons as envisaged in the Protocol "A-1" of the above Package.

The sides, mediators and observers call upon experts to continue working on the draft protocol on the monitoring of military industrial sector enterprises of Pridnestrovia based on the following parameters:

- the total monitoring period – from 3 to 12 months with a possibility of recurrent visits to the sites by the monitoring mission;
- the possibility for the sides to the conflict to participate in the monitoring shall be excluded.

The sides and mediators agreed to hold the next meeting of the Permanent Conference with the participation of the EU and U.S. representatives as observers on December 15-16, 2005 in Tiraspol and Kishinev.

For the Republic of Moldova /signed/

For Pridnestrovia /signed/

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

STATEMENT
by Observers at the Meeting of the Permanent Conference on
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Observers of the European Union and the United States of America at the meeting of the Permanent Conference on Political Issues in the Framework of the Pridnestrovian Settlement Negotiation Process support the Protocol of this Conference signed on October 28, 2005 in Tiraspol.

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For the European Union

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For the United States