

PROTOCOL

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

(Kishinev-Tiraspol, December 15-16, 2005)

1. The OSCE Mission to Moldova shall develop draft Mandate of Activity of the OSCE International Assessment Mission to Pridnestrovie for the situation analysis and development of recommendations on conducting free democratic elections to the Pridnestrovian Supreme Council in the context of the initiative of Ukraine's President V. Yushenko and shall submit it for consideration at the next round of negotiations on the Pridnestrovian settlement. The participants of the meeting expressed willingness to consider this draft.

2. The participants of the meeting marked that before December 1, 2005 the Republic of Moldova had submitted information about military units and weapons as envisaged in the protocol "A-1" of the Package of draft documents titled "Arms Control – Confidence and Security Building Measures in Moldova" proposed to the sides by the mediators in July 2005. Pridnestrovie provided the letter with brief information about the number of troops and military equipment available. The participants of the meeting also addressed the Russian Federation with the request to render methodological assistance to Pridnestrovie in preparing information until January 25, 2006 about military units and armament pursuant to Protocol "A-1" of the above Package.

3. The participants of the meeting took into account that the sides had addressed the OSCE Chairman-in-Office with the request for an early assignment of the mission to monitor the military industry sector enterprises of Pridnestrovie with regard to the agreements fixed in the Protocol of the meeting of the Permanent Conference on Political Issues in the Framework of the Pridnestrovian Settlement Negotiation Process on October 27-28, 2005.

Draft document defining conditions of activity of the monitoring mission shall be submitted to the sides by the OSCE Mission to Moldova before January 20, 2006.

4. The participants of the meeting paid attention to the need to normalize situation in the Security Zone. The mediators and observers recommend that relevant institutions of the sides should before January 25, 2006 take measures for implementation of proposals set out by the OSCE Mission to Moldova in Annex to the present Protocol, and express readiness to assist in their fulfillment.

The course of implementation of the specified proposals shall be considered during the next round of negotiations.

5. 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 January 26-27, 2006 in Tiraspol and Kishinev.

For the Republic of Moldova /signed/

For Pridnestrovie /signed/

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

ANNEX 1 to the Protocol
of the Meeting of the Meeting of the Permanent Conference on
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Proposal of the OSCE Mission to Moldova

1. For the purpose of land cultivation and harvesting, to allow residents of Moldovan villages having lands on the left side of Dubossary-Grigoriopol road to move freely to their fields together with equipment and seeds until the end of 2006.
2. The customs of Pridnestrovie shall charge a fee of 0.18% of the value of the harvested crop.
3. To replace the existing Pridnestrovian border-customs point "Dorotskoye" with militia and police posts which together with the group of military observers of the Joint Military Forces stationed in Dorotskoye village and with mobile checkpoint of the Pridnestrovian customs will monitor the situation in the area and verify compliance with agreements reached in accordance with the purpose of these agreements.
4. To resume routine work of the Joint Control Commission.
5. For working out a final decision on this issue acceptable to both sides, a joint Working Group shall be established. Appointed chairmen of the Working Group from Moldova and Pridnestrovie will determine the Group's membership. They should also have powers allowing them to involve in the work of the Group representatives from those agencies whose expert opinion or advice will be required for the Group.
6. Representative of mediators from the Russian Federation, Ukraine and the OSCE will attend meetings of the Working Group.
7. Upon request and approval of the chairmen, international experts can be involved in the work of the Group in the capacity of advisers.
8. Decisions worked out by the Group and certified by the protocol signed by authorized chairmen shall enter into force from the moment of their adoption.