

ON THE MEETING of Mediators from OSCE, Russian Federation and Ukraine with Political Representatives of Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie

In accordance with the agreement, reached by mediators on April 7 in Ljubljana, a meeting took place on May 16-17, 2005 in Vinnitsa between mediators from the OSCE, the Russian Federation and Ukraine and political representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie.

During the meeting there was discussion concerning the initiative of Ukraine's President V.A. Yushchenko "Towards settlement – through democracy", presented on April 22 of this year in Kishinev, and there was also a preliminary examination of the "Settlement Plan of the Pridnestrovian problem", prepared by the Ukrainian side and officially handed to political representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie, as well as representatives of the OSCE and the Russian Federation.

The representatives of the Republic of Moldova and the OSCE have expressed their support for the initiative "Towards settlement - through democracy". The representative of the Russian Federation has welcomed this initiative with understanding and has expressed readiness to work on the realization of provisions, which contribute towards the settlement of the Pridnestrovian question. In turn, the Pridnestrovian representatives have presented a communique, in which they stated their view concerning the proposals "Towards settlement - through democracy".

The mediators consider that the "Settlement Plan of the Pridnestrovian problem" presented by Ukraine is a concrete initiative and an impetus, directed at achieving settlement of the Pridnestrovian problem.

They also noted the necessity of resuming the permanent dialogue on the resolution of the Pridnestrovian problem. In this context, an agreement was reached on conducting within a month another meeting where consultations will be continued, including concerning the "Settlement Plan of the Pridnestrovian problem" presented by Ukraine.

Representatives of Ukraine and the OSCE have supported the initiative of the Republic of Moldova on inviting representatives of the European Union and United States of America to the next meeting.

The participants of the meeting have expressed great gratitude to the Ukrainian side for organization in conducting consultations.

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