

THE PRESENT STAGE

Establishing the Climate of Trust and the Platform for a Successful Interaction of the Sides within the Harmonized Socio-Economic Space (2011 – present)

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GENERAL REGULATION for Expert (Working) Groups on Confidence Building Measures and Development of Cooperation

1. Operation of Expert (Working) Groups (hereinafter referred to as the Groups) shall be coordinated by Representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie on Political Issues in the Pridnestrovian Settlement (hereinafter referred to as the Political Representatives).

The Political Representatives shall have the right to participate in the meetings of the Groups and/or to delegate their representatives under mutual agreement.

2. The Groups shall develop proposals and solutions regarding present issues in relevant areas.

3. The Groups shall include competent representatives from relevant sectoral authorities with the involvement of other experts, if required.

4. The Heads of the Groups shall be appointed in accordance with current procedures of the parties and shall have equal status while signing the working documents. Deputy Heads of the Groups shall be appointed in accordance with procedure established by the parties.

5. The Heads of the Groups shall be responsible for the contacts, shall personally inform each other on all issues of groups' operation, including development of the agenda and advance notification of the other party, as a rule, no later than one week prior to the meeting.

6. Meetings of the Groups shall be held at least once every two months. Date and place of next meeting shall be determined during a regular meeting and shall be recorded in the protocol.

One of the parties shall have the right to initiate an extraordinary meeting, if necessary.

7. The chairmanship at the meetings shall be rotated by the Heads of the Groups.
In the absence of the Head of the Groups at a meeting, it shall be chaired by the deputy.

8. Decisions taken at the meetings shall be reflected in the protocols fixed with signatures of the Heads of the Groups. The Groups shall take decisions within their powers.

The protocol of the Groups' meeting shall be drafted in three days after the meeting by the presiding party. The developed draft protocol shall be sent to the other party for approval. Approval process shall be completed in seven days.

The protocols signed shall be forwarded to the heads of the parties for consideration and taking necessary decisions.

9. Representatives of the mediators and observers to the Pridnestrovian settlement process may attend meetings of the Groups, having informed in advance the host party. The host party shall notify mediators and observers on the upcoming meetings of the Groups no later than one week prior to the meeting.

10. This Regulation shall be drafted in Russian in 2 copies, one for each Political Representative.

11. This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its signing by the Political Representatives of the parties and approval by leadership of the parties.

**Political Representative
of the Republic of Moldova
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September 9, 2011**

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