

PROTOCOL DECISION

on the Principles of Resumption of a Full-Scale Freight Railway Communication through the Territory of Pridnestrovie

In consideration of the necessity of implementation of intentions of the mutually-beneficial cooperation and development of cooperation in social and economic sphere stated by the leaders of the sides, in consideration of the necessity of removing barriers that halt the freedom of economic activity, the Parties have agreed as follows:

1. The Parties shall resume full-scale freight railway communication through the territory of Pridnestrovie on the basis of documents on customs and railway issues having been signed by the expert (working) groups.

2. In process of execution of present Protocol Decision implementation of the existing international obligations in spheres of trade and economy, railways and customs shall be guaranteed.

3. The Parties shall establish two joint customs control zones (Zones of JCC) on the railway stations Bendery-II and Rybnitsa (in city of Rybnitsa) in order to execute joint customs control.

4. In the specified Zones of JCC joint customs posts shall be organized on a parity basis on the railway station Bendery-2 (Varnitsa village) and on the Rybnitsa railway station (city of Rybnitsa).

5. The One Stop principle shall be carried out in specified Zones of JCC that shall reduce time losses due to conduction of customs formalities.

6. Preliminary operations and customs registration of transferred cargo shall be conducted in accordance to existing procedures of the Parties.

7. The Parties shall develop and implement mechanism of data (information) exchange.

8. Expert (working) groups on customs issues shall work out and sign a protocol on joint customs control based upon the coordinated principles on the railway stations Bendery-2 and Rybnitsa in 15 (fifteen) days.

9. In order to organize railway communication through the territory of Pridnestrovie the Parties take the Technology of organization of transportation of export-import freights in directions to and from Mateuti-Rybnitsa-Slobodka, Bulboaca-Bendery-Kuchurgan, Causeni-Bendery-Kuchurgan signed on April 22, 2011 as the basis which shall be supplemented in accordance to signed protocol on joint customs control.

10. According to agreement with Ukrzaliznytsia the GP Moldovan Railway shall resume the work of border crossings Kolbasna-Slobodka and Novosavitskaya-Kuchurgan in accordance to technologies provided by the Supplement No.3 to the Protocol of the Border Commission signed on December 10-11, 2002 in Kiev.

11. The Parties shall examine the issue of including railway stations Bendery-2 and Rybnitsa in international loading-unloading registers and on restoration of international codes of given stations.

12. The Parties shall work out and present variants of securing freight and rolling stock safety and the procedure of mutual settlement of accounts in cooperation with expert (working) groups on railway transport and independent insurance companies.

13. The Parties shall undertake obligations to secure technical safety of freight transportation. In order to secure safety of movement of trains the Parties shall develop technology of joint control of necessary elements of railroad infrastructure.

14. After the Parties agree upon the mechanism of resumption of freight railway communication through Pridnestrovie, the GP Moldovan Railways shall initiate talks with the OAO Russian Railways and GP Ukrzaliznytsia in order to implement conditions of given Protocol Decision.

15. The Parties shall not conduct unilateral actions that can put obstacles to implementation of technical, organization or other aspects in process of execution of present Protocol Decision.

16. Taking into consideration mutual interest in resumption of full-scale freight railway communication the Parties shall welcome international technical, expert and other assistance.

17. Given Protocol Decision enters into force upon signing. From the moment of signing of present Protocol Decision the Parties give proper orders to their respective bodies in order to implement all the necessary organization and technical measures and decisions in order to carry out the conditions of given Protocol Decision in 30-day term.

18. The initial term of functioning given mechanism is set to 6 (six) months with possibility of prolongation upon mutual agreement of the Parties.

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Signed at Tiraspol on March 30, 2012