Protocol Decision

on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection

and Natural Resource Management

The authorized structures of Pridnestrovie and the Republic of Moldova in the field of natural resource management, hereinafter referred to as the Authorized Structures,

Based on the intention to develop cooperation in the field of environmental protection and natural resource management,

Recognizing the importance of coordinated environmental actions,

have agreed as follows:

I. The present Protocol Decision sets areas, forms and principles to promote cooperation between the Authorized Structures in the field of environmental protection and natural resource management.

II. The cooperation shall focus on the following main areas:

a) scientific research, monitoring and exchange of information on the current state of the Dniester River, the development of joint plans for the use of the river and its protection, and the formulation of appropriate recommendations to improve the situation in these areas;

b) research, regulation and protection of fish stocks and other aquatic bioresources;

b) interaction in the field of hydrometeorology and environmental monitoring;

d) exchange of legislative, regulatory, methodological and scientific documentation in the field of environmental protection and natural resource management.

III. The cooperation of the Authorized Structures within the framework of this Protocol Decision shall be carried out in the following forms:

a) development and implementation of projects, programs, plans, joint research in the field of natural resource protection and management, including in the scientific and technical sphere;

b) organizing conferences, seminars, round tables;

c) implementation of coordinated activities aimed at reducing the negative impact on the environment;

d) exchange of information, legislative and regulatory acts.

IV. The Authorized Structures shall cooperate in the field of environmental protection and natural resource management under the goals and principles of sustainable development, on the basis of equality, mutual benefit and trust.

V. The Parties consider it appropriate to conclude interagency documents on cooperation on specific activities between subordinate organizations of the Authorized Structures while implementing this Protocol Decision.

The issues and decisions necessary for implementation of the present Protocol Decision shall be considered and adopted at the level of expert (working) groups on environmental issues.

VI. This Protocol Decision is concluded for a period of 2 (two) years and may be terminated prematurely by agreement of the Authorized Structures, or unilaterally in case of consistent failure of the other Authorized Structure to fulfill its obligations on the condition of advance written notification about such a decision.

Political Representative

of Pridnestrovie

*(signed)*

Political Representative

of the Republic of Moldova

*(signed)*