Protocol Statement

of the Meeting of Political Representatives in the Presence of

Expert (Working) Groups on Transport and Road Infrastructure Development of the Parties

The Parties, guided by the commitments assumed under the Protocol of the Meeting of the Permanent Conference of November 27-28, 2017, agreed to continue dynamic efforts to negotiate a mechanism for the participation of Pridnestrovian vehicles in the international road traffic.

Based on the need for a detailed and comprehensive organizational and legal work by relevant experts on the draft package, comprised of a framework protocol decision, technological process, samples of an agreed registration certificate and a neutral license plate that would enable proper resolution of all related aspects, the Parties agreed to extend the deadline for the final approval of the mechanism until June 1, 2018.

The Parties appeal to the international participants of the 5+2 format with a request to take note of the positive momentum within the dialogue, as well as the complex nature of the road transport issue, and to provide, where appropriate, expert, methodological, advisory and other possible assistance in order to work out the optimal mechanism and achieve an agreement.

For the Republic of Moldova

 *(signed)*

For Pridnestrovie

 *(signed)*

Chisinau, February 28, 2018