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Implementation

and Other Current Issues
of the Negotiation Process



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Outstanding Commitments of Moldova

- facilitation of providing services in communications and telecommunications
- establishing interbank cooperation
- progress in termination of criminal cases against officials
- ensuring participation of vehicles from Pridnestrovie in the international traffic
- arrangement (improvement) of the mechanism for guaranteeing the fulfillment of agreements
- settlement of the issue related to import of goods in Pridnestrovie
- ensuring international use of higher education diplomas issued in Pridnestrovie



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Obligations Fulfilled by Pridnestrovie

- opening the bridge across the Dniester River between villages Gura-Bykuluy and Bychok
- ensuring access of Moldovan farmers to cultivating agricultural lands in the Dubossary district of Pridnestrovie
- ensuring operation of Latin-script schools in Pridnestrovie
- movement of officials across the territory of Pridnestrovie and Moldova
- signing protocols on cooperation in meteorology and protection of natural resources in the Dniester River basin



Communications

Moldova did not provide a solution

Protocol Decision on Measures Facilitating Cooperation in Telecommunications was signed on November 25, 2017

Expert (Working) Groups developed and signed roadmap on June 28, 2018.

Both documents are not executed by the Moldovan side.

Moldovan operators cause harmful interference on the territory of Pridnestrovia



Banking Interaction

not provided by Moldova

Moldovan banks closed the current accounts of several Pridnestrovian enterprises and denied the opening of new accounts in the summer of 2019

The National Bank of Moldova systematically applies a policy of restrictive measures in relation to international financial transactions originating from the banking system of Pridnestrovie

Outstanding issue of converting the excess Moldovan Lei in the Pridnestrovian banking system resulting from a surplus in the trade balance with the Republic of Moldova

The Republic of Moldova refused of recording the requirement for resolving issue at the 5+2 meeting in Bratislava



Criminal Cases

against officials are not terminated by Moldova

The Republic of Moldova refused to exchange lists of criminal cases

Moldova refused to introduce a moratorium on criminal proceedings

The Moldovan side does not comply with paragraph 5 of the land use mechanism, which provides for the termination of criminal prosecution of persons related to land use

In 2017, the Pridnestrovian side terminated criminal cases against 10 Moldovan officials, as a goodwill gesture



Pridnestrovian Vehicles deprived of international traffic due to Moldova

Protocol Decision on Participation of Non-Commercial Vehicles from Pridnestrovia in International Traffic was signed on April 24, 2018

Vehicle Registration Offices were launched in Tiraspol and Rybnitsa

Pridnestrovian residents without a driving license of the Republic of Moldova are denied access to international traffic

Buses and trucks owned by Pridnestrovian transport companies are deprived of registration at the Vehicle Registration Offices and international traffic



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Trailers can not be registered at the Vehicle Registration Offices, despite the fact that the corresponding additional protocol to the Protocol Decision has been initiated by the heads of relevant expert (working) groups and submitted for signing in Bratislava

Vehicles owned by residents of some right-bank villages of Pridnestrovia can not be registered at the Vehicle Registration Offices

Moldovan customs authorities do not recognize the RT-form issued at the Vehicle Registration Offices by representatives of the Republic of Moldova, which makes it impossible for non-Moldovan nationals to register vehicles

Mechanism for Implementation of Negotiated Agreements

Moldova evades document consideration

In 2016, the Russian delegation to the 5+2 meeting in Berlin proposed a draft Agreement on Guarantees and Procedure for Implementation of Protocol Decisions, Agreements and Other Documents Signed by Pridnestrovie and the Republic of Moldova

In early February 2018, Pridnestrovie sent to the Moldovan side its own draft Protocol Decision on Guarantees for Implementation of Agreements

All proposals were ignored by the Moldovan side



Import of Goods by Rail

Moldova impedes the import of fuel and lubricants



Protocol Decision on Principles of Resuming Full-Rate Goods Transport by Rail through Pridnestrovia of March 30, 2012 has been extended already 8 times

In 2016, the Republic of Moldova blocked the possibility of importing petroleum products (fuel and lubricants) through the Slobodka-Kolbasna border checkpoint violating paragraph 10 of the Protocol Decision

The Republic of Moldova violates the agreed procedure for importing goods meant to internal consumption in Pridnestrovia by charging for the use of infrastructure not de facto served by and cargo handling operations not performed by the Republic of Moldova



Diploma Issue

Pridnestrovian graduates cannot continue their studies abroad

Protocol Decision On Apostillisation of Diploma Issued in Pridnestrovia was signed on November 25, 2017

Moldova denies access to the “super legalization” procedure for holders of “neutral” diplomas, which is necessary for continuing studies in other countries, in particular in Germany

Apostilled diplomas of the Pridnestrovian university are not recognized by Ukraine



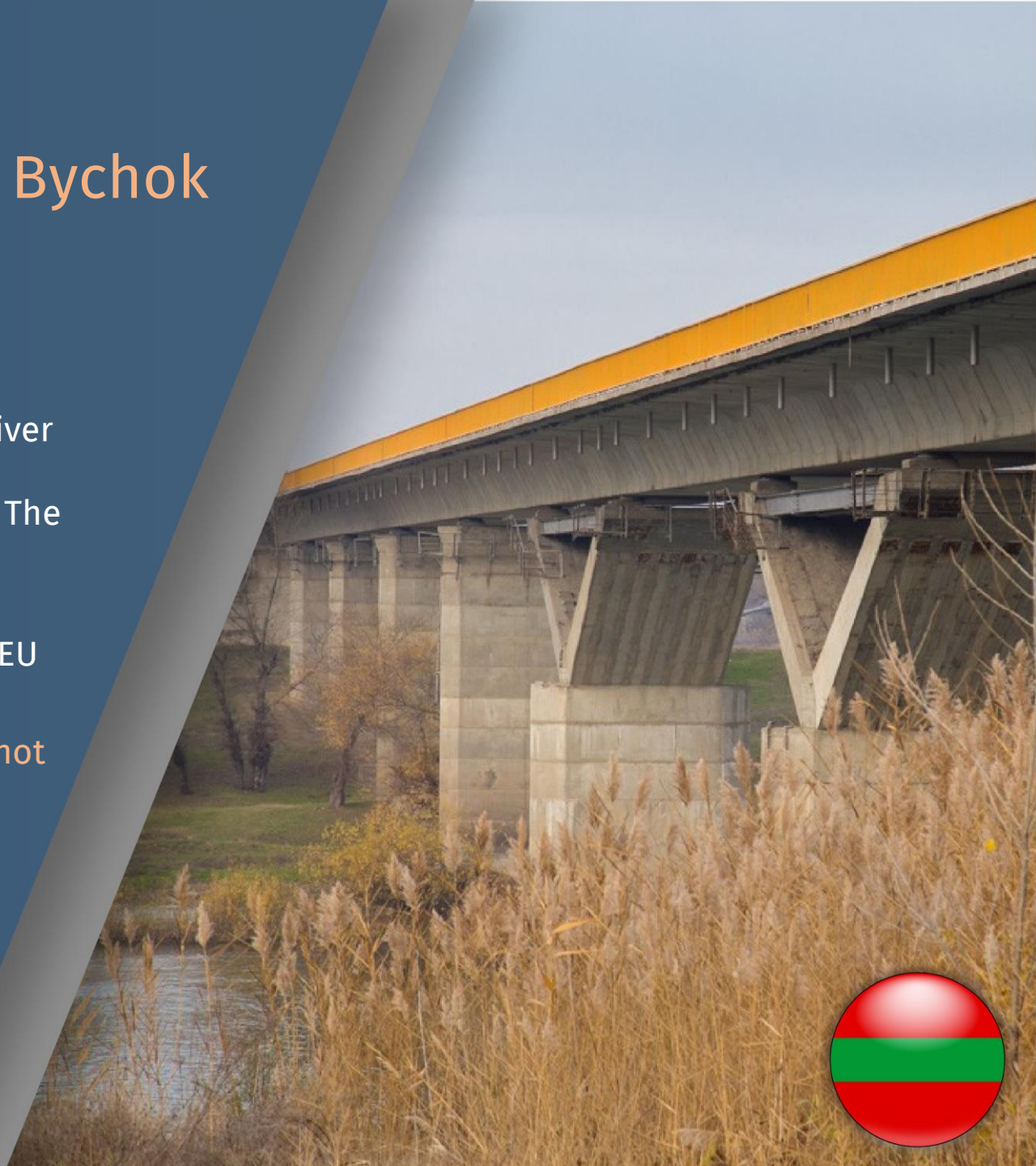
Bridge Opening

between villages Gura-Bykuluy and Bychok
on the initiative of Pridnestrovie

Protocol Decision On Opening of Bridge across the Dniester River between Villages Gura-Bykuluy and Bychok was signed on November 3, 2017, on the initiative of the Pridnestrovian side. The bridge is in operation

Repair work is planned under assistance of the OSCE and the EU

The PMR request for enabling lorry traffic (up to 40 tons) has not been met so far



Access to Farmland

provided by Pridnestrovie for Moldovan farmers

Protocol Decision On Some Measures to Resolve Issues Related to the Implementation of the 2006 Mechanism was signed on November 25, 2017, considering the use of farmland located in the Dubossary district behind the Tiraspol-Kamenka highway

Pridnestrovie fulfilled its obligations by providing plots supported by documents issued under the 2006 Mechanism. In agricultural seasons of 2018 and 2019, Moldovan farmers harvested and freely exported crops

The Pridnestrovian side is willing to continue issuing the relevant documents for the use of land plots in case the Moldovan farmers provide the necessary documents



Ensured Functioning

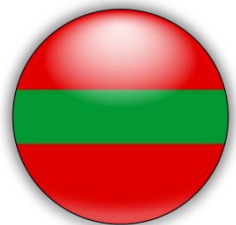
Latin-Script Schools

Protocol Decision On Ensuring Operation of Moldovan Latin-Script Schools was signed on November 25, 2017

The obligations of the Pridnestrovian side are fully implemented :

- long-term rental agreements signed;
- communal payments are equal to the charges for Pridnestrovian schools;
- following the request of the Moldavian side, Pridnestrovie has developed and implemented a mechanism for crossing the PMR state border by teachers and students of schools using school ID cards

Despite the fair fulfillment of the agreement and the opinion of intermediaries, the EU visa sanctions against Pridnestrovie remain in force, and the Republic of Moldova continues to artificially escalate tension around the school issue



Moldovan Officials

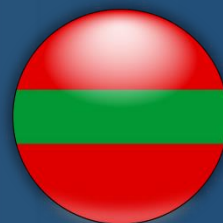
are free to cross the border of Pridnestrovie

Pridnestrovie temporarily ensured the entry of Moldovan officials for private and transit trips without prior notification

Pridnestrovie developed and proposed for signing a draft Protocol Decision On some Guarantees for Transit of Officials from Pridnestrovie and the Republic of Moldova

The Republic of Moldova ignores the possible signing an agreement that could make decisions irreversible

Moreover, the freedom of movement for Pridnestrovian officials at the Kishinev airport is restricted so far



Protocols Signed

in Hydrometeorology and Environmental Protection

Protocol on Cooperation in Hydrometeorology was signed
on June 10, 2016

Protocol on Cooperation between Pridnestrovie and the Republic
of Moldova in Regulation of Fisheries and Rational Use of Dniester
River Biological Resources was signed
on June 15, 2016

2019 is declared the Year of Ecology and Redevelopment in
Pridnestrovie

Project for the removal of more than 4 tons of used batteries has
been not implemented so far



Negotiation Process

Other Relevant Issues

- **The Republic of Moldova refuses to sign the Protocol Decision, which has been agreed at the expert level, aimed at developing the mechanism for the return of identified unattended children to their permanent place of residence (family, other form of adoption/protection)**
- **The Pridnestrovian side proposed to start developing a mechanism for the exchange of information containing personal data between the parties at the level of expert (working) groups**
- **No mechanisms have been developed for importing certain categories of goods by various groups of importers in the context of the Joint Customs and Border Control of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine**
- **The draft Protocol Record on Order and Procedures for Importing Seeds and Planting Material in Pridnestrovia is close to approval**
- **Pridnestrovia developed and sent to the Moldovan side draft agreements on the import of veterinary medicinal products; plant protection products; medicines and medical devices. No initiative has got a feedback**
- **Uncertain status of the licensed import of excisable goods; import of commercial consignments by individuals (self-employed individuals); import of vehicles.**

**PROTOCOL OF THE OFFICIAL MEETING
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2-3 June 2016, Berlin

On 2-3 June 2016, a meeting of the “Permanent Conference for Political Questions in the Framework of the Negotiating Process on the Pridnestrovian Settlement” took place in Berlin.

Following the visit of mediators and observers on 5-6 April 2016, which provided an impetus to the negotiation process on a number of outstanding issues, the participants in the 5+2 round of talks discussed the current state of these issues and agreed concrete ways forward.

The sides reconfirmed their commitment to continue regular meetings at the level of expert (working) groups and of Political Representatives before the Bavaria Conference in July, in order to achieve the following specific agreements:

1. On the issue of apostilisation of diplomas issued in Pridnestrovie, the sides agreed to further work on the basis of European experts’ recommendations from 2014.
2. On the issue of the use of vehicles with number plates issued in Pridnestrovie in the international road traffic, the sides agreed to further work on the basis of the EUBAM Technical Opinion Paper from 2015.
3. On the issue of telecommunications and connection, the sides agreed to continue the work and to prepare a corresponding solution.
4. On the issue of ecology, pursuant to the Protocol Decision signed within the framework of the Bavaria Conference in October 2015, before 15 June 2016 the sides will prepare and sign protocols regarding cooperation in the area of meteorology and protection of natural resources in the Dniester River basin.
5. On the issue of criminal cases, the sides expressed readiness to achieve tangible progress and committed to further conduct regular and substantive meetings, including on the issues of law enforcement. Exchange of updated lists of existing criminal cases will be an important confidence-building step towards developing a final compromise solution to this issue, including the unimpeded travel of officials of the two sides.
6. On the issue of guarantees of implementation of agreements concluded within the negotiation process, the sides reconfirmed their adherence to the 2012 document on Principles and Procedures of conduct of negotiations in the framework of the

“Permanent Conference...” and expressed readiness to further work on improving the mechanism of implementation of the agreements reached.

7. The sides reconfirm their earlier commitments to resolve all issues exclusively at the negotiation table, with the assistance of and mediation by the OSCE, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

Republic of Moldova

Pridnestrovie

Russian Federation

OSCE

Ukraine

3 June 2016, Berlin

Observers in the 5+2 format - the European Union and the United States - support the Protocol of the 5+2 round which took place on 2-3 June 2016 in Berlin.

European Union

United States

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27-28 November 2017, Vienna

On 27-28 November 2017, a meeting of the “Permanent Conference for Political Questions in the Framework of the Negotiating Process on the Pridnestrovian Settlement” took place in Vienna.

The participants in the meeting had a substantial exchange of opinions on issues outlined in the Protocol of the Berlin meeting in the 5+2 format of 2-3 June 2016, as well as on other topical issues of the negotiating process.

In this context, the participants in the meeting noted the progress achieved in the dialogue between the Sides, in particular the signed agreements on apostilization of educational documents issued in Pridnestrovie, organization of interaction in the field of telecommunications, ensuring the functioning of the Moldova-administered Latin Script Schools, use of farmlands in Dubossary region, as well as the opening of the bridge across the Dniester River between villages Gura Bicului and Bychok.

The Sides agreed to make efforts in order to resolve other priority issues of the negotiating process set in the Berlin Protocol.

The Sides reconfirmed the readiness to coordinate and sign before the end of February 2018 an agreement on the mechanism of participation of vehicles from Pridnestrovie in the international road traffic.

The Sides also agreed to achieve in the course of 2018 practical results on the implementation of items 5 and 6 of the Berlin Protocol.

The Sides commit to draw on the positive achievements and further work on settling the issues in the socio-economic and humanitarian spheres for the benefit of people.

The participants in the meeting pronounced for the rhythmical work of the negotiating process at all its levels.

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29-30 May 2018, Rome

1. On 29-30 May 2018, a meeting of the “Permanent Conference for Political Questions in the Framework of the Negotiating Process on the Pridnestrovian Settlement” took place in Rome.

2. The participants in the meeting analysed and evaluated the implementation of the provisions of the Protocol of the Vienna meeting in the 5+2 format of 27-28 November 2017, as well as the course of implementation of the agreements signed in November 2017 and April 2018.

3. The participants in the meeting welcomed the progress achieved by the Sides, including the conclusion on 24 April 2018 of a complex agreement on the participation of vehicles from Pridnestrovie in the international road traffic.

4. The participants in the meeting welcomed the inclusion by the Sides in the text of protocol decisions of provisions encompassing concrete mechanisms and, where appropriate, timelines for their implementation, and firmly encouraged the further application of such approach in the context of implementation of Point 6 of the Berlin Protocol of 2016, also reflected in the Vienna Protocol of 2017.

5. The mediators and observers commended the dynamics of implementation by the Sides of agreements related, among others, to the conduct of the technical assessment of the Gura Bicului - Bychok bridge with the goal to achieve its full operation and functionality, the apostilization of diplomas and the functioning of Latin-script schools. The Sides will continue the full implementation of the specified agreements.

6. The mediators and observers applauded the commitments by the Sides to finalize the implementation of the agreement on the use of farmlands in the Dubossary district by 1 August 2018, and to ensure the launching of the mechanism of participation of vehicles from Pridnestrovie in the international road traffic on 1 September 2018.

The mediators and observers also welcomed the commitment made in Rome by the Sides to agree by the end of June 2018 on a concrete roadmap for the fulfilment of the agreement on organizing interaction in the field of telecommunications and proceed to its swift implementation in close co-ordination with all partners involved.

7. The participants in the meeting recalled the necessity to implement Point 5 of the Berlin Protocol of 2-3 June 2016 and the Vienna Protocol of 27-28 November 2017, as well as Point 5 of the Protocol Decision on the use of farmlands in the Dubossary district, and reconfirmed the commitments made in this context.

8. The Sides reconfirmed their commitment to the result-oriented approach, which is key to the rhythmical work of the negotiation process at all its levels. The Sides agreed to continue the productive interaction on solving other existing problematic issues, not outlined in this Protocol, for the benefit of the people.

9. The Sides reconfirm their earlier commitments to resolve all issues exclusively through negotiations, with the assistance of and mediation by the OSCE, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

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