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(Moscow, December 17-18, 2002)

1. The Moldovan and Pridnestrovian sides agreed to continue consultations on the Declaration of Intentions of December 5, 2002.

2. The Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie agreed to develop the Final document on a comprehensive settlement of the Pridnestrovian issue based on the draft submitted to the sides on July 2, 2002 at the Kiev meeting of the Permanent Conference on Political Issues in the Framework of the Pridnestrovian Settlement Negotiation Process, as well as based on agreements reached in the negotiation process, and proposals and drafts submitted earlier by the Republic of Moldova, Pridnestrovie and mediators.

The Final document shall be subject to elaboration within the five-sided format of the negotiation process with the participation of the Republic of Moldova, Pridnestrovie, the OSCE, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

3. It was deemed expedient to fix agreed wordings for the Final document in separate protocols.

Protocol No of agreed wordings is attached.

4. The next meeting of the Permanent Conference shall be held in January 2003 in Kishinev, at which the schedule for the forthcoming meetings of the Permanent Conference shall be negotiated.

For the Republic of Moldova /signed/ For the OSCE /signed/
For Pridnestrovie /signed/ For the Russian Federation /signed/
For Ukraine /signed/

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The mediators of Ukraine passed to consider the proposal (attached), to promote the work of industry experts of The Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie.

For the Republic of Moldova /signed/ For the OSCE /signed/
For Pridnestrovie /signed/ For the Russian Federation /signed/
For Ukraine /signed/