A remark in the context of the message of Tiraspol regarding the initiative to set a limit to the term of application of the protocol decision concerning the mechanism of use of the agricultural lands in the Dubăsari district



30.12.2021, Chisinau – Following the surprising news recently communicated by the office of the Tiraspol political representative, notifying about the intention to set a limit to June 30, 2022, to the term of action of the protocol Decision “Regarding some measures of settlement of the problems concerning the realization of the “2006 Mechanism” regarding the use of agricultural lands situated in the Dubasari district beyond the Tiraspol-Camenca road” from November 25, 2017, we are forced to intervene with some clarification.

The motive invoked by Tiraspol emerges from the alleged non-execution by Chisinau of the provisions of point 5 of the above mentioned protocol Decision, which is composed of two interdependent elements, namely: a) reestablishing of the ”2006 Mechanism” and ensuring of access to the agricultural lands, and in case of solving of this problem: b) informing the competent institutions of the Republic of Moldova about the cancelling of all actions previously imposed by the local representatives to be able to examine the possibility of legally recalling procedural measures enforced against culpable individuals.

Furthermore, it is worth reminding that the mechanism granting access to the lands has been realized only partially and intrermittently by Tiraspol, namely: the problem regarding public property terrains of the administrative units in the Dubasari district was not solved, in the period March 16 2020 – April 30 2021 the access to the lands was conditioned with coordinated and nominally approved lists by the so-called local crisis centers, thorough verifications of IDs and vehicles with agricultural purpose

passing through unauthorized checkpoints with requests of groundless payments (for example for daily crossings trough the same perimeter, for the use of regional roads by trucks with total weight of more than 18 tons etc.), forcing the farmers to comply with new rules imposed by the city administration of Dubăsari etc.

The evolutions registered on the farmers' issue and the attitude of the Tiraspol factors towards them was constantly in the sight of the national competent authorities which acted within the limits imposed by the working legislation and the noted circumstances, without situations of enforcing unlawful and politically motivated measures.

Thus, the argument invoked by Tiraspol is baseless and with a purely political connotation, especially since the above mentioned protocol Decision does not have a limited term of application. This decision derogates from the commitment to durably implement the agreed agreements, inalienable rights of farmers (to property, free passage etc) and principles agreed in the "5+2" negotiation format (abstaining from preventive conditions will be repeatedly infringed, fulfilling agreed commitments in good will etc).

It is also the case to remind that previously (until August 1 2018, the date when the farmers documented according to the "2006 Mechanism" got back their access to the lands), as a result of losses suffered by the owners of lands from the Dubasari district because of Tiraspol's intentional blocking of their exploitation, the Government of the Republic of Moldova has paid partial indemnities and support payments worth almost 52 million lei.

We invite Tiraspol to return to the table of constructive and consecutive dialogue, focused on a durable implementation of the assumed commitments, respecting fundamental rights and freedoms of inhabitants of both banks of river Nistru, as well as to give up on unilateral tactics and imposing inadmissible conditionalities.

