The delegation of the Republic of Moldova asks the Joint Control Commission to take a stand regarding the illegal presence of the so-called “border guards” in the Security Zone



Bender, December 16, 2021 – The members of the Joint Control Commission have met in an ordinary meeting in Bender, having put in the center of attention the incident from December 2nd, when two vehicles of the ”border guard” forces have been spotted in the proximity of Cocieri, a territory controlled by the constitutional authorities.

In this context, the delegation of the Republic of Moldova has presented a written address to all components of the Joint Control Commission with an appeal to include two important subjects on the agenda. The first one concerns the activity of the so-called ”border guards”, and the second aims to elaborate an efficient mechanism to monitor the situation in the Security Zone in case of its aggravation.

The delegation of the Republic of Moldova considers that the ”border guard” forces represent a structure which openly neglects the official documents approved by the Joint Control Commission based on the July 21 1992 Moldovan-Russian agreement and which through its actions endangers the free circulation in the area of responsibility of the Joint Peacekeeping Forces, but also generates other infringements of fundamental rights and interests of the citizens.

The prolonged debates have not led to the inclusion of these problems on the official agenda of the meeting, with the representatives of Tiraspol blocking again the objective examination and the taking of relevant decisions on aspects of actuality.

Thus, the Joint Control Commission has managed to approve the Report of the Joint Military Command regarding the situation in the Security Zone as observed in the period December 8-14 2021.

Additionally, at the request of the representatives of Ukraine 9 out of 10 military observers delegated by this country to the group of military observers within the Joint Peacekeeping Forces were replaced due to the expiry of their terms of office.