The delegation of the Republic of Moldova in the Joint Control Commission requests the streamlining of the monitoring mechanism in the Security Zone



On January 20, 2022, the members of the Joint Control Commission have reunited in Bender. Discussions were held on existing problems in the Security Zone, the most stringent ones concerning provision of free circulation of citizens.

The delegation of the Republic of Moldova has reiterated that the destabilization of the situation is provoked by abusive action of so-called ”border guards” and other force structures subordinated to Tiraspol, whose presence in the area of responsibility of the Mixed Peacekeeping Forces is contrary to the Moldovan-Russian Convention signed on July 21, 1992. At the same time, the Moldovan delegation has drawn attention to certain deficiencies in the functioning of groups of military observers, that complicate the documentation of each deviation from the established regime.

In this context, the delegation of the Republic of Moldova has reminded about a decision agreed by all participants in the Joint Control Commission, set out in the protocol no. 828 from January 13, 2017. By that decision, the sides have considered necessary to create, within three months, a mechanism of monitoring of the situation applicable in case of its aggravation.

Given that the decision from 2017 has remained unrealized until present time, the Moldovan delegation has proposed to bring back this subject on the official agenda of the Commission, with the initiation of elaboration of a document which would streamline the existing monitoring mechanism of the Security Zone.

This proposal, promoted over several months, is not supported by the Transnistrian delegation, which covers the abuses of the force structures of Tiraspol in the Security Zone.

This working reunion has once again saw opposition from the exponents of Tiraspol to include actual subjects on the agenda, which prompted the delay of the ordinary meeting for a week.

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