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## DECLARATION

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by the Heads of the member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the situation in the left-bank regions of the Republic of Moldova

The Heads of the member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States, meeting in Kiev on 20 March 1992,

reaffirming their steadfast commitment to the principles embodied in the documents adopted respectively by the Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States in Minsk on 8 December 1991, in Alma-Ata on 21 December 1991 and in Moscow on 16 January 1992,

guided by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Helsinki Final Act,

bearing in mind the declaration made by the President of the Republic of Moldova on 8 March 1992 and the appeal by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova to the Supreme Councils of the Russian Federation and of Ukraine on 5 March 1992,

considering the apprehension felt by the populations of the member countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States at the dangerous development of the situation in that region and the desire of the leadership of the Republic of Moldova to find a political solution to the matter,

deem it necessary to make the following declaration.

The member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States

consider the maintenance of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova to be a cornerstone of their policy in their mutual relations with that member State of the United Nations, and a major factor in maintaining stability in the region and within the Commonwealth of Independent States;

shall take steps to prevent the involvement in the conflict, in whatever form, of citizens of its member countries, and where this has already happened, to return them immediately to their place of permanent residence;

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shall not tolerate the use of their territory for the transit of armed formations by whatever means, or for the illegal trafficking of arms;

shall take additional steps to confiscate arms, military equipment and army communication equipment from civilians and illegal formations and to prevent them from having access in the future to military arsenals in the member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States;

shall endeavour to prevent the use of the media for propaganda favouring the escalation of the conflict.

Done at Kiev on 20 March 1992 in one original copy in Russian. The original shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the Republic of Belarus, which shall transmit duly certified copies to the signatories thereof.

Signatures:

Republic of Azerbaijan

Republic of Armenia

Republic of Belarus

Republic of Kazakhstan

Republic of Kyrgyzstan

Republic of Moldova

Russian Federation

Republic of Tajikistan

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