

PROTOCOL

Of the Meeting of “The Permanent Council on Political Issues within the Framework of the Negotiating Process on the Transdniestrian Settlement”

(Tiraspol-Kishinev, 26-27 April 2004)

1. The meeting's participants welcome the resumption of the meetings of the “Permanent Council on Political Issues within the Framework of the Negotiating Process on the Transdniestrian Settlement”.
2. The Moldovan and Transdniestrian sides exchanged written proposals for possible inclusion in the final document. Concurrently the mediators note that they received the Republic of Moldova's proposal of 17 February 2004.
3. The representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria acknowledge the receipt of “The Proposals and Recommendations of the Mediators from the OSCE, the Russian Federation, Ukraine for the Transdniestrian Settlement”. The mediators reinstate their commitment to this document.
4. The meeting's participants endorsed “The Work Plan within the Framework of the Transdniestrian Settlement to the End of Year 2004” (enclosed)
5. The sides' agreement about the resumption of bilateral meetings between the Representatives on Political Affairs of the Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria on permanent basis is welcomed.
6. The meeting's participants uphold the sides' intention to resume the activity of sectoral experts' groups for the purpose of settling contentious issues in various spheres of co-operation. The heads of the working groups shall exchange proposals on the settlement of these contentious issues well in advance.
7. The meeting's participants agreed to hold the next Permanent Council meeting on 26-27 May 2004.

(signed)

from the Republic of Moldova

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from Transdniestria

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from the OSCE

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from the Russian Federation

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from Ukraine