

AGREEMENT

ON PRINCIPLES OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE ARMED CONFLICT IN THE TRANSDNIESTRIAN REGION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The Russian Federation and the Republic of Moldova, striving for a faster and complete cease-fire and a settlement of the military conflict in the Transdniestrian region by peaceful means;

Confirming their adherence to principles of the UN Charter and the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

Welcoming the principled mutual understanding reached on July 3, 1992 between the President of the Russian Federation and the President of the Republic of Moldova;

Have agreed to the following:

Article I.

1. From the moment of signing of the Agreement, conflicting parties undertake to take all necessary measures for a complete cease-fire, as well as ceasing of any military actions against each other.
2. After the cease-fire conflicting parties proceed to the withdrawal of their armed forces and other units, military equipment and weaponry and complete this process within 7 days. Such a separation is aimed at creation of a security zone between the conflicting parties. Definite zone coordinates shall be determined by a separate protocol of the parties, participating in the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 2.

1. A Joint Control Commission shall be set up with a view to ensure control over implementation of measures and of a security regime in the mentioned zone, outlined in Article I, consisting of representatives of the three parties, participating in the settlement. In its activity, the Commission uses groups of military observers, established in accordance with all previous agreements, including the quadrilateral ones. The Control Commission proceeds to the implementation of tasks assigned to it within 7 days from the moment of signing of the Agreement.
2. Each party, participating in the work of Commission, appoints its own representatives into it. The city of Bender is the seat of the Control Commission.
3. With a view to implementing of the foregoing measures the military contingents, established on a voluntary basis, representing the parties participating in the implementation of this Agreement, are placed into the

subordination of the Control Commission. Deployment of these contingents and their use to ensure a cease-fire and security regime in the conflict area is carried out in compliance with resolutions of the Control Commission on a consensus basis. Numerical composition, status, terms of introduction and withdrawal of military contingents into the conflict area are determined by a separate protocol.

4. In case of an infringement of terms of this Agreement the Control Commission carries out an investigation of its circumstances and immediately takes necessary steps for the restoration of peace and public order, as well as for the prevention of similar infringements in the future.
5. The parties on a share basis carry out the funding of activity of the Control Commission and of the forces under its authority.

Article 3.

The city of Bender, as a seat of the Control Commission and in the context of a particular complexity of the situation, is declared an area of an increased security regime ensured by the military contingents of the parties participating in the implementation of this Agreement.

The Control Commission ensures maintenance of public order in the city of Bender in interaction with police and militia units of limited personnel strength.

The administrative-economic activity in the city of Bender is carried out by the operating municipality self-government institutions, if needed, in conjunction with the Control Commission.

Article 4.

Units of the 14th Army of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, dislocated in the Republic of Moldova, shall strictly safeguard neutrality. Both sides of the conflict undertake to respect neutrality and to refrain from any illegal actions towards this army's military equipment, servicemen or their families.

Questions about the status of the army, procedure and time interval of a stage-by-stage withdrawal shall be determined in the course of negotiations between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Moldova.

Article 5.

1. Conflicting parties consider inadmissible the use of any sanctions or blockades. In this context any hindrance in the way of passage of goods, services and people shall be immediately removed, as well as adequate steps for the abolition of an emergency situation on the territory of the Republic of Moldova shall be taken.

2. The conflicting parties without delay shall proceed to negotiations about a settlement of issues concerning the return of refugees to places of their domicile, provision of assistance to the population of victim areas and restoration of economic and dwelling objects. The Russian Federation shall provide necessary support in this respect.
3. Conflicting parties shall take all measures for an unhindered access of the international humanitarian aid into the settlement zone.

Article 6.

Under the Control Commission a joint press-center is established to disseminate objective information about the situation in the settlement zone.

Article 7.

The parties proceed from the fact that measures, stipulated by this Agreement, are an important integral part of the process of conflict settlement through peaceful and political measures.

Article 8.

This Agreement enters into force from the moment of its signing.

This Agreement shall be terminated by consent of the parties or in case of withdrawal of one of the negotiating parties from it, thus resulting in cessation of the working of the Control Commission and of the military contingents attached to it.

Done in the city of Moscow July 21 1992 in two copies, each copy in the Moldovan and in the Russian languages, each text has equal legal force.

For the Russian Federation

For the Republic of Moldova