

## **PROTOCOL OF THE OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT CONFERENCE FOR POLITICAL QUESTIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS ON THE TRANSJNIESTRIAN SETTLEMENT**

2-3 June 2016, Berlin

On 2-3 June 2016, a meeting of the “Permanent Conference for Political Questions in the Framework of the Negotiating Process on the Transdnjestrian Settlement” took place in Berlin.

Following the visit of mediators and observers on 5-6 April 2016, which provided an impetus to the negotiation process on a number of outstanding issues, the participants in the 5+2 round of talks discussed the current state of these issues and agreed concrete ways forward.

The sides reconfirmed their commitment to continue regular meetings at the level of expert (working) groups and of Political Representatives before the Bavaria Conference in July, in order to achieve the following specific agreements:

1. On the issue of apostilisation of diplomas issued in Transdnjestria, the sides agreed to further work on the basis of European experts' recommendations from 2014.
2. On the issue of the use of vehicles with number plates issued in Transdnjestria in the international road traffic, the sides agreed to further work on the basis of the EUBAM Technical Opinion Paper from 2015.
3. On the issue of telecommunications and connection, the sides agreed to continue the work and to prepare a corresponding solution.
4. On the issue of ecology, pursuant to the Protocol Decision signed within the framework of the Bavaria Conference in October 2015, before 15 June 2016 the sides will prepare and sign protocols regarding cooperation in the area of meteorology and protection of natural resources in the Nistru/Dniester River basin.
5. On the issue of criminal cases, the sides expressed readiness to achieve tangible progress and committed to further conduct regular and substantive meetings, including on the issues of law enforcement. Exchange of updated lists of existing criminal cases will be an important confidence-building step towards developing a final compromise solution to this issue, including the unimpeded travel of officials of the two sides.
6. On the issue of guarantees of implementation of agreements concluded within the negotiation process, the sides reconfirmed their adherence to the 2012 document on Principles and Procedures of conduct of negotiations in the

framework of the “Permanent Conference...” and expressed readiness to further work on improving the mechanism of implementation of the agreements reached.

7. The sides reconfirm their earlier commitments to resolve all issues exclusively at the negotiation table, with the assistance of and mediation by the OSCE, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

Republic of Moldova

Transdniestria

Russian Federation

OSCE

Ukraine

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Observers in the 5+2 format – the European Union and the United States – support the Protocol of the 5+2 round which took place on 2-3 June 2016 in Berlin.

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United States

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