

**ON THE CONSULTATIONS OF THE MEDIATORS IN THE
TRANSDNIESTRIAN SETTLEMENT FROM THE OSCE, THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION, AND UKRAINE WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND TRANSDNIESTRIA**

On 25-26 January 2005, in the city of Odessa, in accordance with an earlier reached agreement, the working consultations of the mediators from the OSCE, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine with the representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria took place. The participants in the meeting expressed their gratitude to the Ukrainian side for the good organization of the consultations.

Unfortunately, due to the absence at the consultations of the head of the Transdniestrian delegation, the Parties failed to reach possible practical agreements.

However, in the course of the meeting the modalities of solving of a series of important practical matters for the population of both banks of the Dniester were discussed. The mediators made a positive assessment of the still-existent mood of the Parties to look for compromise variants of their solution.

In that context, the mediators called on the Parties and welcome their intention to prepare in the near future specific ideas regarding the creation of conditions for a long-term functioning in Transdniestria of the schools with the instruction in the Moldovan language based on the Latin script, the restoration of the functioning of the bridge across the Dniester river in the vicinity of the Gura Bicului locality, the ensuring of free movement of persons and goods in the Security Zone of the Transdniestrian conflict, the restoration of fixed telephone communication between the two banks of the Dniester, as well as mutual recognition of a series of internal documents. After a necessary discussion, such ideas can become the foundation for the adoption by the Parties of agreed decisions.

In the course of the meeting the commitment to achieving a final settlement of the Transdniestrian problem by means of a political dialog was reconfirmed.

The mediators once again called on the Parties to refrain from unilateral actions, which may complicate the situation in the region, and expressed their hope for a continuation of consultations toward a resumption of political negotiations.

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