ON THE MEETING
of mediators from OSCE, Russian Federation and Ukraine
with political representatives
of Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria

In accordance with the agreement, reached by mediators on 7 April in Ljubljana, a meeting took place on 16-17 May 2005 in Vinnitsa between mediators from OSCE, Russian Federation and Ukraine and political representatives of Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria.

During the meeting there was discussion concerning the initiative of Ukraine’s President V.A. Yushchenko “Towards settlement – through democracy”, presented on 22 April of this year in Chisinau, and there was also a preliminary examination of the “Settlement Plan of the Transdniesterian problem”, prepared by the Ukrainian side and officially handed to political representatives of Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria, as well as representatives of OSCE and Russian Federation.

The representatives of Republic of Moldova and OSCE have expressed their support for the initiative “Towards settlement – through democracy”. The representative of the Russian Federation has welcomed this initiative with understanding and has expressed readiness to work on the realization of provisions, which contribute towards the settlement of the Transdniesterian question. In turn, the Transdniesterian representatives have presented a communique, in which they stated their view concerning the proposals “Towards settlement – through democracy”.

The mediators consider that the “Settlement Plan of the Transdniesterian problem” presented by Ukraine is a concrete initiative and an impetus, directed at achieving settlement of the Transdniesterian problem.

They also noted the necessity of resuming the permanent dialogue on the resolution of the Transdniesterian problem. In this context, an agreement was reached on conducting within a month another meeting where consultations will be continued, including concerning the “Settlement Plan of the Transdniesterian problem” presented by Ukraine.

Representatives of Ukraine and OSCE have supported the initiative of Republic of Moldova on inviting to the next meeting representatives of the European Union and United States of America.

The participants of the meeting have expressed great gratitude to the Ukrainian side for organization in conducting consultations.

Vinnitsa, 17 May 2005