The Protocol Decision on settlement of problems arisen in activity of Customs Services of Republic of Moldova and Transdnistria
7 February 1996

In accordance with the understanding reached by the Heads of the Republic of Moldova and Transdnistria on 28 April 1994, 21 December 1994 and 15 February 1995, taking into consideration the agreement between the Heads of Customs Bodies of the Republic of Moldova and Transdnistria, the Parties have decided upon the following:

1. To remove Transnistrian customs check points on entering the Transdnistrian region from the direction of Moldova having reserved the right for Transdnistrian Party to operate non-customs control over removal of cargoes from Transdnistria.
2. To establish juxtaposed customs check points at the border with Ukraine on the basis of intergovernmental agreement, having equipped them with up-to-date facilities.
3. **Customs clearance of cargoes transferred from Transdnistria shall be fulfilled by customs bodies of Transdnistrian region since 10 March 1996 using customs seals and customs stamps of new standard on Moldavian and Russian languages with the right of customs clearance of all cargoes from Transdistria.**
4. The Transdnistrian Party shall decide on introduction of import customs duties adequately with the current import duties in Republic of Moldova on goods produced in far-foreign countries except for foodstuff (but not including wine and vodka products, tobacco goods).
5. Before customs seals and customs stamps of new standard are put into operation, when cargoes of Transdnistrian economic agents are transferred through the customs check points of Republic of Moldova their admission and finishing of customs clearance shall be perfomed **only in the presence of customs clearance in Transdnistria without collection of customs duties.**
6. **Republic of Moldova and Transdnistria shall provide free passing of cargoes transferred for Parties from far foreign countries and Baltic Countries in case of compliance with the conditions of item 4.**
7. The Transdnistrian Party shall be bound by an obligation to provide timely and operatively information to the Customs Department of the Republic of Moldova on cargoes transferred from far foreign countries to the Republic of Moldova through the territory of Transdnistria.
8. To make mutual exchange of normative regulations specified customs activity of the relevant Services of the Parties. To make operative exchange of information between the Customs

authorities of the Parties with the view of detecting and preventing smuggling and customs rules violations.

9. To hold regular working meeting on the level of relevant administrations for operative decision making on the matters of cooperation of Customs Services and unification (closing in) of normative regulations.
10. **The Customs Department of the Republic of Moldova shall produce to the Customs Services of the CIS-countries means of customs identification of Transnistria.**
11. The Customs Department of the Republic of Moldova shall provide the Customs Bodies of Transdnistria with legislative base in relation to the CIS Customs Union Agreement.
12. The results of fulfillment of this Decision shall be summed up every three months with making amendments as necessary.
13. The Protocol shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

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