PROTOCOL ON MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF VALIDITY OF THE DOCUMENTS ON THE TERRITORY OF TRANSDNIESTRIA AND REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA ISSUED BY COMPETENT BODIES OF THE PARTIES

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For the purposes of implementation of the Joint Statement by the Heads of Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria on 9 April 2001, being guided by the provisions of Memorandum On the Bases for Normalization of Relations Between the Republic of Moldova and Transdneistria on 8 May 1997, Transdniestria and Republic of Moldova (hereinafter Parties) have agreed as follows:

1. To recognize on the territory of Transnistria and Republic of Moldova the validity of the following documents issued by competent bodies of the Parties:

   b) certificates on registration of acts of civil status;
   c) identity cards and passports;
   d) driver's licenses, vehicle registration certificates and vehicle plates;
   e) education certificates;
   f) documents issued and certified in notary's offices;
   g) certificates on state registration of legal persons;
   h) work-books, seniority documents, pension documents, as well as documentary proof of right to benefits (under condition of their validity on the territiry of the Parties);
   i) certificates, permits, licenses and other documents issued by competent bodies.

2. Documents issued by competent bodies of the Parties for carrying out foreign trade activity shall be coordinated by the Parties till 1 July 2001.
   Documents shall contain symbols of the Parties, internationally recognized logotypes and shall be drawn up in languages used by the Parties.

   The Parties shall notify foreign States and international organizations relating to the documents coordinated by the Parties in accordance with established procedure.

3. The aforementioned documents shall be certified in due order by the institution or specially authorized person within their competence in accordance with a set form.

4. The justice institutions of the Parties shall provide at the request to each other information on legislation in forse or legislation no longer in force on their territory and on practice of its implementation.

5. The Parties shall undertake to send to each other without translation and free of charge copies of the records on registration of acts of civil status and other documents relating to the personal and property law or relating to the interests of citizens of the requested Party and other persons resident in its territory.

6. To make a proposal to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova and Supreme Council of Transdniestria to examine the question on the procedure of implementation on the territory of the Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria executing documents issued by judicial authorities of the Parties.

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