

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

29-30 May 2018, Rome

1. On 29-30 May 2018, a meeting of the “Permanent Conference for Political Questions in the Framework of the Negotiating Process on the Transdniestrian Settlement” took place in Rome.
2. The participants in the meeting analysed and evaluated the implementation of the provisions of the Protocol of the Vienna meeting in the 5+2 format of 27-28 November 2017, as well as the course of implementation of the agreements signed in November 2017 and April 2018.
3. The participants in the meeting welcomed the progress achieved by the Sides, including the conclusion on 24 April 2018 of a complex agreement on the participation of vehicles from Transdniestria in the international road traffic.
4. The participants in the meeting welcomed the inclusion by the Sides in the text of protocol decisions of provisions encompassing concrete mechanisms and, where appropriate, timelines for their implementation, and firmly encouraged the further application of such approach in the context of implementation of Point 6 of the Berlin Protocol of 2016, also reflected in the Vienna Protocol of 2017.
5. The mediators and observers commended the dynamics of implementation by the Sides of agreements related, among others, to the conduct of the technical assessment of the Gura Bicului – Bychok bridge with the goal to achieve its full operation and functionality, the apostilization of diplomas and the functioning of Latin-script schools. The Sides will continue the full implementation of the specified agreements.
6. The mediators and observers applauded the commitments by the Sides to finalize the implementation of the agreement on the use of farmlands in the Dubasari district by 1 August 2018, and to ensure the launching of the mechanism of participation of vehicles from Transdniestria in the international road traffic on 1 September 2018.

The mediators and observers also welcomed the commitment made in Rome by the Sides to agree by the end of June 2018 on a concrete roadmap for the fulfilment of the agreement on organizing interaction in the field of telecommunications and proceed to its swift implementation in close co-ordination with all partners involved.

7. The participants in the meeting recalled the necessity to implement Point 5 of the Berlin Protocol of 2-3 June 2016 and the Vienna Protocol of 27-28 November 2017, as well as Point 5 of the Protocol Decision on the use of farmlands in the Dubasari district, and reconfirmed the commitments made in this context.
8. The Sides reconfirmed their commitment to the result-oriented approach, which is key to the rhythmical work of the negotiation process at all its levels. The Sides agreed to continue the productive interaction on solving other existing problematic issues, not outlined in this Protocol, for the benefit of the people.
9. The Sides reconfirm their earlier commitments to resolve all issues exclusively through negotiations, with the assistance of and mediation by the OSCE, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

Republic of Moldova

Transdnistria

Russian Federation

OSCE

Ukraine