

Agreement on Further Development of Georgian-Ossetian Peaceful Settlement Process and on Joint Control Commission

31 October 1994

Referring to the Agreement Governing the Principles of the Georgian-Ossetian Conflict Settlement, signed in Sochi on 24 June 1992,

Aiming at a comprehensive settlement of mutual relations between the conflicting Parties,

Guided by the desire to establish durable peace and stability,

Reaffirming their adherence to the principles of international law,

Acting in the spirit of respect for the human rights and liberties of individuals and national minorities,

Stating that during the two years that lapsed since the signing of the Sochi Agreement no major results were achieved in the promotion of political dialogue,

Taking into account the urgent need for a whole scale settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict,

The Parties have agreed on the need to further develop the process of peaceful settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict.

1. Thereupon, the Parties note that,

- a) The Joint Control Commission (JCC) established for the implementation of the Agreement of 24 June 1992 has largely fulfilled its functions of ensuring control of ceasefire, withdrawing armed units and maintaining safety measures, thus laying foundation for the process of political settlement;
- b) The peacekeeping process is being ensured by the Joint Peacekeeping Forces created within the JCC in accordance with the Agreement of 24 June 1992;
- c) The JCC should be transformed into a permanent mechanism designed for systematic and coordinated involvement in solving various settlement aspects - political, military (peacekeeping), economic, humanitarian, etc.

2. Trying to achieve further progress towards a full-scale political settlement, to improve coordination of efforts of the Joint Peacekeeping Forces and interaction with the CSCE Mission and other international organizations, to advance a practical solution of issues relating to the reconstruction of affected areas as well as to promote the return of refugees, the Parties have agreed to adjust the JCC functions and to renew and enlarge the Commission.

3. The Parties have adopted the Regulation on the Joint Control Commission for the Settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian Conflict (attached).

4. The Commission shall be a permanent body of the four Parties involved in the settling the conflict and mitigating consequences thereof.

The CSCE Mission in Georgia shall take part in the JCC activities.

The Commission shall act in close interaction and coordination with local authorities.

5. The Parties in conflict reaffirm their obligations to solve all differences exclusively through peaceful mean, without recourse to force or to threat of force.

For the Georgian Party

For the South-Ossetian Party

For the Russian Party

For the North-Ossetian Party

Signed in the presence of the CSCE representatives