

GALI PROTOCOL  
**of 8 October 2003 on reducing the tension and  
improving the mechanisms for security in the conflict zone**

The extraordinary Quadripartite Meeting at the high level was held on 8 October 2003 that was convened upon the initiative of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General Heidi Tagliavini in the headquarter of Gali sector of the UNOMIG due to the worsening of security situation in the conflict zone, especially in Gali District.

The Georgian delegation was led by Malkhaz kakabadze, the Abkhaz delegation – by Sergei Shamba, the CPKF was represented by General-Major Namokonov.

The Special Representative of the UN Secretary General opened the meeting. The meeting was chaired by the military observer General-Major Kazi-Ashfak.

The principal topic in the agenda was the deterioration of security situation in the conflict zone, particularly in Gali District, as well as the measures aimed at preventing the escalation of the situation and improving the cooperation between the sides.

The Georgian and the Abkhaz sides reaffirmed their obligations with respect of security that was adopted in the previous documents, underlining the importance of the resolutions by the Security Council of the UN; the participants discussed the further steps for improving the existing mechanisms.

**The sides agreed on the following:**

- 1.1. To cooperate and take the immediate steps to put an end to the offensive acts, regardless of their character, which seriously affect the security in the conflict zone.
- 1.2. To exchange the list of offences that, as reported by the sides, were committed in the conflict zone, particularly in Gali District.
- 1.3. The both sides agreed to address every single offense and the perpetrators will be punished.
2. In the light of commencing the work of the Civil Police of the UNOMIG in the future, the sides agreed to establish full-scale cooperation with it in fighting against crime and offenders and through it to raise effectiveness of existing mechanisms aimed at improving the situation in law-enforcement.
3. The sides agreed to have the next meeting on 9 December 2003 at the same high level in order to give the assessment to the progress achieved through the cooperation, as well as to find the possibilities to raise the effectiveness of existing mechanisms, such as quadripartite meeting and the activity of the group of human rights within the frame of these mechanisms.

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For the Georgian side M. Kakabadze  
For the UNOMIG Kazi Ashfak  
For the CIS CPKF Namokonov