

# **Protocol of the Meeting of the Working Groups on the Question of a Settlement of the Armed Conflict on the Territory of the Chechen Republic**

*Moscow, 28 May 1996*

On the basis of the Agreement on a Cease-fire, the Cessation of Military Activities, and on Measures for a Settlement of the Armed Conflict on the Territory of the Chechen Republic, signed by V.S. Chernomyrdin and Z. Yandarbiev on 27 May 1996 in Moscow, the Parties have come to the following agreement:

1. On the question of a cease-fire and cessation of military activities: The working groups exchanged proposals on measures for a cease-fire and an end to military activities.
2. On the questions of liberating all persons being retained by force:
  - a) to effect a mutual exchange of lists of persons being retained by force;
  - b) to effect a mutual exchange of lists of missing persons;
  - c) to effect within the time-frames agreed upon (within the course of two weeks) the exchange of all persons being retained by force. (Under the term of persons being retained by force is understood participants in the armed conflict who have been arrested, hostages, and also other civilian persons who have been detained, including those arrested at road-blocks, without the presentation of charges of accusation, or those to whom up to the date of 27 May 1996 no charges of accusation had been presented within the time periods established by law.)
  - d) beginning on 1 June 1996:
    - to cease the detention of civilians with the violation of the procedural norms established by law;
    - to liquidate filtrational points simultaneously with the resolution of questions on the liberation of persons being retained by force.
3. The Parties exchange proposals on the composition of working commissions for negotiations and on the time-frames for the following meeting.

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In the presence of the OSCE Representative T. Guldemann