

Protocol on the meeting of the delegation of the state commission of the republic of Tajikistan and field commanders of Karategin administration, held in Garm from 15-16 September 1996

At the negotiations the Government of Tajikistan was represented by the Government Commission under the chairmanship of the Security Council Chief Mr. Amirkul Azimov, consisting of the Minister of Interior, Ge. Saidmir Zukhurov, the Chief Military Commander of the Ministry of Interior troops, Gen. Saidamirov, the Deputy Minister of defence, Gen. Chubarov, the Presidential Guard Commander, Gen. Gaffor Mirzoev, the Deputy Minister of Security, Gen. Bakhodur Abdulloev, the state Adviser, Mr. M. Kabirov and the Military Prosecutor, Mr. A. Olimov; the Delegation of the United Tajik Opposition was headed by the Chief Military Commander of the Kartegin Frony, Mr. Mirzokhuja Nizomov and consisted of the Commander of Tajikobad, Mr Makhmadruzi, the Deputy Commander of Komsomolobad, Eshoni Aziz, the Commander of Garm, Mr. Mirzokhuja Akhmadov, the Commander of Garm, Mr. Sirojiddin and the Commander of Komsomolobad, Mr. Kosimdjon.

Negotiations were mediated by the United Nations Organisation represented by Gen. Hasan Abaza and the Joint Commission for the Implementation of the Tehran Agreement.

With the view to provide the implementation of the agreements reached during the third phase of the fifth round of inter-Tajik talks in Ashgabad, to ensure effective ceasefire and cessation of military actions in Komsomolobad, Garm, Tajikabad and Djirgatal districts, to stabilise the situation in these areas and to make them a peaceful zone, participants of the meeting agreed to complete the following prior before finding the solution to political problems during the upcoming rounds of inter-Tajik talks:

1. To remove check points set up by the military formations on both sides in the area of Djirgatal and Tajikabad.
2. To re-instate Government Interior and Security bodies in Djirgatal and Tajikabad districts and create conditions for their effective work.
3. To allow the UTO members to travel without arms in the district centres of Tajikabad, Garm and Djirgatal.
4. As an exception and in concurrence with the appropriate bodies of Tajikabad, Garm and Djirgatal districts to give an opportunity to UTO commanders to have two armed bodyguards.
5. For the period of redeployment of the check point of the Government armed forces in Langari Shoh (Tajikabad districts) to other place, with the view of monitoring to create a joint commission which will include two representatives of each side and one representative of the Military Prosecutor's Office of Tajikistan.
6. Control over the Government check points in Labi Jar and Chorsada rests with the Military Prosecutor's Office, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of the Interior, the Presidential Guard and two UTO representatives.

7. The sides agreed to provide free movement of transport and people along the Dushanbe-Djirgatal road.
8. Disputable issues will be jointly considered and investigated.
9. The Protocol will enter into force on 17 September 1996.
10. Control over implementation of this Protocol rests with the Joint Commission for the Implementation of the Tehran cease-fire Agreement and UN military observers.

(signed) *Amirkul Azimov, Chairman of the Government Commission*

(signed) Mr. Mirzokhuja Nizomov, Head of the Delegation of UTO field Commanders in Kosmolobad, Garm, Tajikabad and Djirgatal districts

(signed) *General Hasan Abaza, UNMOT Chief Military Observer*

Garm, 16 September 1996