

PROTOCOL #3 OF THE MEETING OF JOINT CONTROL COMMISSION (JCC) FOR THE GEORGIAN-OSSETIAN CONFLICT SETTLEMENT

July 12, 1992, Vladikavkaz

The JCC in the composition of: S. Shoygu, S. Khetagurov, P. Giorgadze, S. Suanov, R. Tushurashvili and G. Filatov reviewed the following issues at the meeting:

1. Composition of the JCC.
2. The JPKF and keeping of law and order in the zone of conflict (**LOKF**).
3. Special legal regime and activities of local law-enforcement entities in the zone of conflict.
4. On entering the zone of conflict by **LOKF**.

The following decisions were made as a result of discussions:

On the first issue:

Include in the composition of the JCC representatives of Georgia, specifically, R. Tushurashvili and E. Sabanadze.

On the second issue:

Approve the Provision on the JPKF and LOKF in the Zone of Conflict (Annex 1 to Protocol #3 of the session of the JCC).

Approve the Contract with Servicemen of LOKF (Annex 2).

For the purpose of suppressing the band-formations that represent armed groups and forces of self-defense of either party, being in compliance with the Sochi Agreement and the decisions of the JCC, the JPKF and LOKF in the zone of conflict shall use weapons.

For the purpose of self-defense, the contingent of joint forces (servicemen in staff), as well as any member of the groups of observers, shall use weapons.

The zone of conflict shall be regarded the area within the radius of 15 kilometers from the center of Tskhinvali.

The safety corridor shall be regarded the zone of the area with the width of 14 kilometers across the administrative border of the former South Ossetian Autonomous Okrug and 7 kilometers on both sides of the border.

The joint military command shall be authorized to take all necessary measures for localization of armed conflicts and destruction of band-formations in the regions and villages on the territory of the former South Ossetian Autonomous Okrug not being the part of the zone of conflict and the safety corridor, in cooperation with the local law-enforcement entities, with further reporting to the JCC.

On the third issue:

Representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia shall establish a group for rehabilitating law-enforcement organs in the zone of conflict and the safety corridor, and present their proposals on their activities after entering LOKF to the JCC.

On the fourth issue:

Carry out entering of LOKF in the zone of conflict in series. From July 14, 1992, the Georgian battalion and parachute-landing regiment, from July 15, 1992 – Ossetian battalion.

LOKF shall be entered irrespective of readiness of the forces of any party.

Approve the order of the Joint Military Command on entering LOKF (Annex 3).

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The Georgian side shall send a telegraph confirmation of the introduction terms before 9⁰⁰, 13.07.92. In case of failure to send the confirmation, the main decision of the Protocol concerning issue 4 shall enter into force.

R. Tushurashvili (signed)

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