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Annex 1 To Protocol #3 of the JCC Session dated July 12, 1992

PROVISION On Joint Peacekeeping Forces (JPKF) and Law and Order Keeping Forces (LOKF) in the Zone of Conflict

Article 1. Joint forces shall be established in accordance with the Agreement signed by President of Russian Federation, B. Yeltsin, and head of the State Council of Georgia, E. Shevardnadze, and intended for restoration peace and supporting law and order in the zone of the armed conflict, safety corridor, regions and villages that are not parts of the zone of conflict, taking control over complying with the conditions the Agreement and decisions of the JCC on ceasing fire and making active measures including use of weapons in the case of violating by uncontrolled armed formations of any opposed parties to the conflict.

Article 2. The joint forces shall subordinate to the joint military command and the JCC.

Article 3. **LOKF** shall resolve the following issues:

- don't permit entering and intrusion into the zone of conflict, safety corridor, regions and villages that are not parts of the zone of conflict of the armed groups and bands, and protect the population, state, agricultural-cooperative, private and personal properties from criminal invasion of such bands.

- in the zone of conflict, safety corridors, regions and villages that are not parts of the zone of conflict, don't permit existence and activities of illegal armed persons and formations and stop armed and unarmed group conflicts and incidents.

- let in, and out from, the zone of conflict, safety corridors, regions and villages that are not parts of the zone of conflict the people, transport facilities and cargo, within the defined places.

- don't permit delivery (transportation) of weapons, techniques, Other means, that may be used in acts of terror and sabotage to the zone of conflict, safety corridors, regions and villages that are not parts of the zone of conflict, and removal thereof, without special permission, as well as conduct of combat missions.

- take control over fulfillment of set rules of specific regime in the zone of conflict, safety corridors, regions and villages that are not parts of the zone of conflict, introduced by the Government of Georgia in coordination with the parties.

- render any type of assistance to local law-enforcement organs for supporting law and order in the zone of conflict, safety corridors, regions and villages that are not parts of the zone of conflict.

Article 4. LOKF shall be authorized to do the following on the territory of the former South Ossetian Autonomous Oblast:

- post military detachments (patrol, post for observations, ambush, etc) and set barriers, as well as move (shift) to any districts of the region, not damaging, however, any house, lots of land, gardens, sowing, road and other structures.

chase (hunt), arrest or destruct bands of armed formations, groups of persons who do not fulfill or subordinate to the requirements of the special regime. Chasing and conduct of combat operations with criminal elements may be carried out even outside the zone of conflict.

check document of citizens for the right of entry, exit and movement, as well as examination of persons, cargo and transport facilities.

detain all persons who violate the set rules of the special regime.

carry out personal survey of detained individuals and examination of their belongings.

confiscate all types of guns, weapons, combat techniques and ammunition.

use in the zone of conflict, safety corridors, regions and villages that are not parts of the zone of conflict the existed telephone and telephonogram lines of communication, irrespective of their owners.

conduct combat operations by using weapons and combat technique to be adopted.

Article 5. the Organizational-staffing structure of the joint forces shall be approved by the JCC.

The place of dislocation of joint forces shall be defined by the joint military command.

Article 6. The joint forces, in their daily activities, shall be guided by the requirements of this Provision, as well as decisions of the JCC and the joint military command.

Article 7. The joint forces shall be established on the voluntary basis from citizens who are from 20 to 50 years old, have been in the military service, do not have any criminal record and are fit to service due to their state of health, as well as on the basis of the subdivisions of current armed forces of any party.

Article 8. Persons expressing their desire to become a part of the joint forces shall present the following documents to the selecting commission:

- application;
- passport;
- military card;
- reference-recommendation from the place of work or residence.

Enrolment in the joint forces shall be carried out on the basis of the resolution issued by the joint military command.

Article 9. Those enrolled to the joint forces shall conclude a contract with the command for the period of two or more months. After expiration of this term, the contract, pursuant to the wish of the parties, may be extended up to the period of 6 or more months. The term of service shall be counted from the date of enrollment, based on the order.

Article 10. In the case of breaching the contract ahead of the schedule at the initiative of the command without any good reasons, as well as due to reduction of staff or sickness, servicemen of the joint forces shall be paid severance pay in the amount of a month's salary. If the contract is breached ahead of the schedule because of a serviceman without a good reason, he/she shall not be paid severance pay. In the case of committing civil or criminal offence, a serviceman is brought to criminal liabilities according to the legislation of Russian Federation and Georgia.

A serviceman may be dismissed in the following cases:

- after finishing the term of service set under the contract;
- due to violation of the conditions set under the contract;
- due to the state of health;
- due to the family conditions;
- not to be fit and proper for the office;
- due to the reduction of staff;
- due to the conviction for committed crimes.

Article 11. Service in the joint forces shall be counted in the labor records in the proportion 1:3;

Article 12. Funding of the joint forces and its logistical support shall be carried out by the government of the states that signed the Sochi agreement.

Article 13. Personnel of the joint forces shall be bound:

to comply with the Constitution of Russian Federation, Republic of Georgia and the procedure set in the zone of conflict.

unquestionably fulfill all, orders and instructions of the command, overcome all severities and difficulties with dignity and honor.

know and protect armament, combat and other techniques as well as military and public property.

be watchful, strictly keep military and state secrets.

Article 14. Supervision over legality of activities of joint forces shall be carried out by the Public prosecutor's Office of Russian Federation and the Georgia.

Article 15. The single type of uniforms and military insignia shall be established for the joint forces (blue stripe on the left hand, helmet and combat technique).

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