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REGULATION On the Joint Control Commission for the Settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian Conflict

The Joint Control Commission (JCC) was formed and will act in accordance with the Agreement of 24 June 1992 on the principles for settling the Georgian-Ossetian conflict, and with the minutes of JCC meetings, with the aim of ensuring the monitoring of the ceasefire through the withdrawal of armed formations, the dissolution of self-defense forces, and the assurance of a security regime in the zone of conflict, as well as through the maintenance of peace, the prevention of a renewal of military actions, and the carrying out of coordination of the joint activities of the parties for the stabilization of the situation, for the political settlement of the conflict, for economic restoration of the afflicted zones, and for the return and reestablishment of refugees and forced resettlers.

1. The Joint Control Commission is the permanently operational organ of the four sides which are taking part in the settlement of the conflict and the liquidation of its consequences. The highest organizational instance of the Joint Control Commission will be the sessions of the plenipotentiary representatives of the sides in the person of the chiefs of the representation offices of the parties and of other members of the JCC.

2. On the staff of the Joint Control Commission, there will be special representatives (at the discretion of the parties) named by the state organs of the parties, empowered to implement coordinated decisions on all questions about the full-scale settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict.

3. The CSCE Mission in Georgia will take part in the work of the JCC.

4. Various international organizations can assist the activity of the JCC.

5. The following functions and tasks are assigned to the Joint Control Commission:

a) monitoring of the implementation of the agreement and understanding of the sides on the settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict, the drafting of proposals, and the adoption of purposeful measures for carrying them through;

b) working out and implementation of measures for creating conditions for the resolution of political, military (peacekeeping), law enforcement, economic, humanitarian, informational, and other problems;

c) help in the further development of dialogue and in promotion of a political settlement of the conflict;

d) participation in elaborating and realizing complex measures, affirmed by the parties, for the return, reception, and reestablishment of refugees (forcibly resettled persons) with the collaboration of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

e) examination and assistance for the practical realization of economic rehabilitation in the districts in the zone of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict;

f) organization of supervision concerning the observation of human rights and national minorities in the zone of conflict.

6. The JCC will create the necessary working groups for the implementation of the above-noted functions and for the solution of tasks on the basic directions of work from among the number of corresponding specialist-representatives of the parties.

7. The working groups will perform their work by the preparation of analytical materials and of drafts of JCC decisions, and by the conduct of talks concerning questions related to their competency. In case of necessity, they will have the right to summon experts to work on specific questions and to demand and receive essential information from corresponding state departments and institutions.

8. The conclusions and proposals of the working groups will be examined at JCC sessions for the adoption of final decisions.

9. The coordination of the activities of the peacekeeping forces and of the observers designated by the parties falls within the competence of the Joint Control Commission. The JCC will maintain a permanent link with the peacekeeping forces present in the zone of conflict and will take decisions concerning their future use.

10. On the basis of the mandate in the Agreement on the principles for the settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict and of the minutes of its meetings, the command of the peacekeeping forces will work out and implement necessary measures for the maintenance of peace and law enforcement, for preventing the renewal of combat actions, and for the disarming of illegal militarized formations; and will introduce through an established procedure proposals relating to the operational use and improvement of the organization of the peacekeeping forces in the zone of conflict.

11. The Joint Control Commission will examine and evaluate the situation evolving in the zone of conflict on the basis of data which, at its request, will be furnished by the competent organs of the parties.

12. With the aim of objectively informing the public, the JCC will present materials to the mass media concerning the course of the settlement process.

13. The members of the Joint Control Commission will enjoy diplomatic immunities and privileges in accordance with the norms of international law.

14. The members of the Joint Control Commission have the right of free movement on the territory of the zone of conflict. The representatives of the parties on the spot will assist the members of the JCC and assure their safety.

15. The sites for conducting plenary sessions of the Joint Control Commission will be determined by agreement of the sides.

16. The sessions of the Joint Control Commission will take place on the basis of need, but not less than once per quarter. By mutual agreement, one of the leaders of the representations of the parties in the JCC will act as chairman of the session. Decisions of the JCC will be taken on the basis of a consensus of the parties.

17. A secretariat will be created to carry out current organizational work and the maintenance of operational links among the parties.

18. The financing of the Joint Control Commission will be carried out by the parties on the basis of equal shares.

19. The working language of the Joint Control Commission and the language of its documents will be Russian.

20. The Joint Control Commission will terminate its activity after the achievement of a full-scale settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict.

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