

PROTOCOL 3 OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT CONTROL COMMISSION FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE GEORGIAN-OSSETIAN CONFLICT

6 December 1994, Moscow

Chaired By:

N. P. Medvedev, Russian deputy minister of cooperation, head of the Russian part of the Joint Control Commission

Agenda

I. On the forces for the support of peace in the zone of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict;

Rapporteur Colonel Y.G. Ivanov (Russian Defense Ministry).

II. On the return of refugees from Georgia's internal regions; Rapporteur – T. E. Kusov, chairman of the Committee for National Affairs attached to the government of the Republic of North Ossetia, member of the JCC.

III. On economic rehabilitation in the zone of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict;

Rapporteur – A. A. Babenko, first deputy minister for construction of the Russian Federation, chairman of the RF Commission for the Issues of Economic Rehabilitation of Districts of South Ossetia, member of the JCC.

IV. On the venue, date, and agenda of the next the JCC meeting.

Y. Miscellaneous.

I. On the forces for the support of peace in the zone of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict

(Y. G. Ivanov, I. A. Menagharishvili, V. N. Khubulov, G. S. Kozayev, H. Ayiff, N. P. Medvedev)

Decided:

1. To adopt the following documents elaborated by the working group (annexed):

a) Decision of the JCC "On the Joint Forces for the Support of Peace" (4 pages)

And annexes to it:

- Regulations concerning the basic principles of operation of the military contingents and of the groups of military observers designated for the normalization of the situation in the zone of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict (7 pages) with the annexed document on the rights and obligations of the commander of the Joint Forces (1 page);

- List of the members of the commission for the testing of the personnel (1 page);

- Plan for the organization of service at outposts and checkpoints (1 page);

- The structure of the organization and the staff of the Joint Forces for the Support of Peace (1 page).

b) the JCC decision on financing the Ossetian battalion (1 page).

2. To task the commander of the Joint Forces for the Support of Peace in the zone of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict to submit at the next the JCC meeting proposals regarding:

a) the Georgian side's request to withdraw from the conflict zone and conserve infantry fighting vehicles of both the Ossetian and Georgian battalions;

b) the South Ossetian side's request to establish an additional checkpoint in Leningori.

3. To take into account the CSCE representative's statement that his signature under the aforementioned documents should not be regarded as his assent to the manner of actions of the Joint Forces for the Support of Peace that is beyond the sphere of use of the CSCE peacekeeping principles.

II. On the return of refugees from Georgia's internal regions

(T. E. Kusov, D. Everts, B. Nakhaylov, G. S. Kozayev, I. A. Menagharishvili, G. G. Khugayev, V. M. Kolyuchev, N. P. Medvedev)

Decided:

a) To adopt the decision "On the resolution of the problem of the refugees from Georgia's internal regions who are now residing on territory of the Republic of North Ossetia." The decision is annexed;

b) To continue the consideration of the issue at the next the JCC meeting.

III. On economic rehabilitation in the zone of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict

(A. A. Babenko, I. A. Menagharishvili, N. P. Medvedev, G. S. Kozayev, O. Kiknadze, B. N. Pastukhov)

Decided:

a) To adopt the decision "On economic rehabilitation in the zone of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict" (decision annexed);

b) To continue the consideration of the issue at the next the JCC meeting.

IV. On the venue, date, and agenda of the next the JCC meeting

(B. N. Pastukhov, G. G. Khugayev, N. R. Malikova, N. P. Medvedev)

Decided:

a) To hold the next the JCC meeting in Moscow in February 1995;

b) To consider the following issues at the next the JCC meeting:

1. The course of the implementation of the JCC decisions on the Joint Forces for the Support of Peace and the financing of the Ossetian battalion;

Rapporteur: Lieutenant General A.G. Gerasimov, member of the JCC

2. The course of building and reconstruction work in the zone of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict;

Rapporteur: A. A. Babenko, member of the JCC

3. The possibilities for the return and provision of living conditions for the refugees from the internal districts of the Republic of Georgia;

Rapporteur: T. E. Kusov, member of the JCC

4. The working group for coordination of the issues linked to rendering humanitarian assistance to South Ossetia;

Rapporteur: N. R. Malikova, member of the JCC

5. Approaches to the political settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict and the creation of a working group for the consideration of the issue of the political and legal status of South Ossetia.

6. The venue, date, and agenda of the next the JCC meeting.

7. Miscellaneous

1. The South Ossetian delegation made a statement concerning the problem of returning to the South Ossetian law enforcement bodies their official property and weapons that the Georgian authorities had taken away in 1991. The South Ossetian side needs them to ensure the security of the JCC members and representatives of international organizations who regularly visit the conflict zone.

The text of the statement was handed over to Georgian delegation head I.A. Menagharishvili for perusal and essential answer to the South Ossetian side.

2. On the South Ossetian side's request, Georgian delegation head I.A. Menagharishvili reported about the fate of Vichenov, the abducted serviceman of the Ossetian battalion of the Joint Forces. He said that the hostage was not in the hands of the official authorities and the problem of his release was being studied.

N. Medvedev,

Chairman of the meeting, Head of the Russian part of the JCC

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