

Protocol of the Meeting of the Commissions on the Negotiations Regarding a Ceasefire and Cessation of Hostilities and on Measures to Settle the Armed Conflict on the Territory of the Chechen Republic

Nazran, 10 June 1996

For the purpose of implementing the Agreement on a Cease-fire and Cessation of Hostilities and on Measures to Settle the Armed Conflict on the Territory of the Chechen Republic, signed by Mr. V.S. Chernomyrdin and Mr. Z. Yandarbiev on 27 May 1996 in Moscow,

The Negotiations Commission formed by order of the Government of the Russian Federation and under the direction of V. Mikhailov, Minister of the Russian Federation and Federal Relations, and

The Negotiations Commission formed by order of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeriya (CRI)* and under the direction of A. Maskhadov, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the CRI,

Have agreed as follows:

1. The cease-fire and cessation of hostilities completely exclude:

- The use of any types of armaments for combat purposes, including rocket, artillery and other forms of shelling and aerial bombardment;
- Any attacks and operations involving troops, including special operations (joint working groups shall formulate a definition of the term “special operations”);
- The seizure or blockade of inhabited communities, military facilities, and roads;
- Any threats to the work of community governments;
- The unlawful bearing of arms (joint working groups shall formulate a definition of “unlawful bearing of arms”);
- Acts of terrorism or sabotage;
- Attacks on or mining of roads, railways, lines and pipelines, transport facilities, columns of persons, and military or civilian convoys;
- Abductions, the seizure of hostages, and the pillaging or killing of peaceful inhabitants or military personnel.

In the event of a violation of the provisions of this paragraph, the Parties may take appropriate independent defensive action and joint measures to put an end to the violation in question.

2. Within agreed time-limits:
 - Checkpoints on roads leading out of inhabited communities shall be eliminated during the period from 11 June to 7 July 1996.
 - For the purpose of protecting formations of the Provisional United Forces, control checkpoints are to be established, which shall be eliminated as those formations are withdrawn.
 - The withdrawal of the Provisional United Forces from the territory of the Chechen Republic shall be completed by the end of August 1996. To that end, joint working groups shall draw up a timetable for the stage-by-stage withdrawal and removal of the Provisional United Forces from the territory of the Chechen Republic and for its demilitarization.
3. Joint working groups shall be established to monitor the implementation of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Protocol.
4. The heads of the working groups – V. Tikhominov, Commander of the Provisional United Forces, and A. Kaskhadov, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeriya – shall:
 - Carry out an exchange of the data required to monitor the implementation of paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Protocol;
 - Delimit the zones of responsibility and designate the persons responsible for the cease-fire and cessation of hostilities in those zones (the joint working groups shall determine the number of zones of responsibility);
 - Begin drawing up a timetable for the stage-by-stage withdrawal and removal of the Provisional United Forces from the territory of the Chechen Republic and for its demilitarization, reaching an agreement on this timetable before 15 June 1996 at the level of Negotiations Commission heads.
5. The Negotiations Commissions have agreed that it is necessary to conduct free and democratic elections to the organs of State government of the Chechen Republic at all levels and with the participation of all genuine political forces, with those elections to be subject to public and international monitoring after the withdrawal of the Provisional United Forces from the territory of the Chechen Republic and its demilitarization have been completed.

The question of how the elections to any organ of State government of the Chechen Republic at all levels and with the participation of all genuine political forces are to be conducted is an internal affair of the Chechen Republic.

6. The participants in the negotiations shall refrain from any actions or statements that obstruct or that might obstruct the implementation of the Agreement of 27 May 1996, the Protocol of 28 May 1996, this Protocol, and all subsequent joint decisions by the participants in the negotiations.

This Protocol has been drawn up in three authentic copies.

V. Mikhailov
A. Maskhadov

With the mediation of the representation of the OSCE
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* The Negotiations Commission formed by order of the Government of the Russian Federation states that the Chechen Republic of Ichkeriya is not recognized under the legislation of the Russian Federation.

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