Protocol on Ceasefire, Separation of Armed Formations and Guarantees on Inadmissibility of Forcible Activities

Gagra, 25 May 1998

1. The Sides commit themselves to cease fire from 6 am of 26 May 1998.

2. From the moment the cease-fire regime comes into effect the Sides commit themselves to start separating of opposing military formations.

The Abkhaz Side commits itself, from 9 am till 01 pm of 26 May 1998, to withdraw from Gali region additional contingent detached there beyond limits of the militia personnel.

The Georgian Side commits itself to withdraw all armed formations from Gali region from 9am till 01pm of 26 May 1998.

3. In order to exercise control on the implementation of commitments pledged by the Sides, the special groups will be set up composing of representatives from the UNOMIG and Collective Peacekeeping Force starting their operation since the moment of cease-fire in compliance of the elaborated scheme that will establish conditions for return of the peaceful population of Gali region fled the region due to the military operations.

4. The Abkhaz Side commits itself to refrain from unlawful forcible acts against the peaceful population of Gali region.

The Georgian Side commits itself to take effective measures aimed at preventing from penetration of terrorist and subversive groups, armed formations and individuals to the territory of Abkhazia.

With this regard and pursuant to the Decisions of the Coordinating Council, the Sides shall establish necessary mechanisms with participation of the Sides, UNOMIG and CPKF of the CIS.

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