

PROTOCOL

ON THE MEETING OF THE GEO AND ARK SIDES

Due to the recent danger of a destabilisation of the situation in the zone of conflict, the sides again confirmed their obligations on non-use of force and the threat of the use of force.

The sides agreed upon the following issues:

1. In accordance with the Protocol of 24 September 1998 within the next 10 days, both sides will work out a plan and will withdraw their forces from the Cease-Fire Line a certain distance in KHURCHA-NABAKEVI (Mr K. TARGOMADZE will be responsible on behalf of the (3EO side,- Mr A.KCHACH will be responsible on behalf of the ABK side).

Both the CIS PKF and the UNIONIG together with the representatives of the sides will control this process.

2. Along with the agreed withdrawal, the CIS PKF together with the representatives of both sides will start patrolling the area along the Cease-Fire Line in KHURCHA-NABAKEVI area.

The CIS PKF will patrol KHURCHA village with the GEO side and m NABAKEVI village with the ABK side.

3. By 27 December 1998, the communication agencies of the sides will establish a permanent telephone connection between the Heads of Administration of GALL and ZUGDIDI regions (Mr S. ESKANIA will be responsible on behalf of the GEO side, and Mr E. PILIA will be responsible on behalf the ABK side).

Within the same timeframe an operational communications link will be established between the Commanders of the opposing forces of the sides in KHURCHA-NABAKEVI (Mr G.SHERVASHIDZE will be responsible on behalf of the GEO side, and- Mr L. MLKVABIA will be responsible on behalf of the ARK side).

4. The sides will consider the issue of rotation of their forces along the Cease-Fire Line.

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