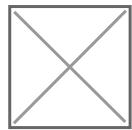


The Joint Control Commission met in Bender after a scheduled break



The evolution of the situation in the Security Zone during the last 6 weeks and other current issues were to be reviewed at the meeting of the Joint Control Commission on 10 September.

However, long discussions on the agenda did not lead to its approval, as the Transnistrian side blocked the proposal to conduct a complex analysis of the current situation in the Security Zone following the emergence of "border guards" checkpoints as of 1 May, 2019.

Moreover, trying to take advantage of the absence of the Co-president from the Russian Federation (who, as announced, is on a business trip), Tiraspol delegation intervened in the formulation of the previously agreed issue and already included in the agenda to examine and assess the activity of the Joint Military Command starting 12 March to present.

Because the agenda was not agreed upon, the meeting of the Joint Control Commission has not commenced and the debates will resume on 17 September.

Meanwhile, the OSCE Mission to Moldova monitored the situation in the Security Zone during August in accordance with the "Principles of Cooperation between the OSCE Mission and the Joint Control Commission", signed on 10 December, 2004. They notified the Bureau for Reintegration about 12 additional checkpoints in the Security Zone.

The non-constructive approach and deviance from the peacekeeping operation documents were also mentioned during the meeting on 8 September of the working

group created to examine the problem with the checkpoints in the Security Zone. Discussions on the "Zahorna-Copanca" checkpoint are currently at a standstill, after the Transnistrian side refused to provide clear information about the circumstances on the abusive installation of this checkpoint.

The Delegation of the Republic of Moldova to the Joint Control Commission will continue to intransigently promote identification of solutions that will expose the abusive actions of the Transnistrian structures on installing barriers to free movement and will also lead to their elimination, at the same time aligning the situation in the Security Zone to the Moldovan – Russian Agreement of 21 July, 1992.

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