

Belarus Chairman Comments

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[Text] Minsk, 13 Dec (TASS)—“We are very happy that the ideas contained in the documents signed in the Belovezhskaya Pushcha meeting received the support of five sovereign states at the Ashkhabad meeting.” This was stated today by Vyacheslav Kebich, chairman of the Belarus Council of Ministers, in an interview with a BELTA correspondent. This is a great event illustrating the axiomatic truth that the process of reintegration of

the former Union republics is irreversible, and will relentlessly develop. The meeting of the leaders of the Central Asian republics and Kazakhstan ended in Ashkhabad today. A statement was adopted which says, inter alia, that the republics are prepared to become equal co-founders of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Asked to comment on a report from Moldova on armed clashes in Pridnestrovye, the head of the Belarus Government stressed that this is regrettably yet another sad point illustrating the extreme need for the states and peoples of the former Union to unite on an equal basis. Stanislav Shushkevich, chairman of the Supreme Soviet of Belarus [passage indistinct] said that the events of recent days show great refinement in opposing it. Therefore, there is no cause for complacency. Only when we see everyone putting their signatures to the agreement, can we become fully confident in the success of the process that has been launched.