Article 24

Joining

- 1. This Agreement shall be open for any Member State of the Community of Independent States for joining that recognizes the provisions of the Agreement effective on the moment of joining and expresses its readiness to fulfill them in full volume.
- 2. The joining shall be carried out on terms and according to procedure established in a separate agreement with a joining state that is preliminarily agreed and is to be approved by all the Contracting Parties in compliance with their interstate procedures.

Article 25

<u>Termination of participation in the agreement</u>

- 1. Any Contracting Party may terminate its participation in the Agreement by sending, six months before leaving, an official written notification to other Contracting Parties concerning its intention to leave the Agreement.
- 2. In the event that any of the Contracting Parties violates the provisions of this Agreement that causes a serious damage for the achievement of its objectives, other Contracting Parties shall have the right to make a decision on the suspension of validity of the Agreement or of its individual provisions with respect to this Contracting Party or to make a decision on its individual provisions with respect to this Contracting Party or to make a decision on its exclusion from the number of the Agreement Members.
- 3. For purposes of settling possible disputes and claims, as well as those of material nature, the provisions of this Agreement continue to be effective with respect to the Contracting Party that terminated its participation up to the full regulation of all the requirements.

Done in the city of Moscow on 15 April 1994, in one original copy, in the Russian language. The original copy is with the Archive of the Government of the Republic of Belarus that will send the Contracting Parties, signatories of this Agreement, its certified copy.