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ANNEX 1 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union

REGULATION on the Eurasian Economic Commission

I. General provisions

1. In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 18 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union (hereinafter "the Treaty"), the Commission shall be a permanent regulating body of the Union.

The basic objectives of the Commission shall be to enable the functioning and development of the Union, as well as to develop proposals in the sphere of economic integration within the Union.

- 2. The Commission shall carry out its activities based on the following principles:
- 1) ensuring mutual benefit, equality and respect for the national interests of the Member States;
 - 2) economic justification of all decisions adopted;
 - 3) transparency, publicity and objectivity.
- 3. The Commission shall operate within the powers provided for by the Treaty and international treaties within the Union in the following areas:
 - 1) customs tariff and non-tariff regulation;
 - 2) customs regulations;
 - 3) technical regulations;

- 4) sanitary, veterinary-sanitary and phytosanitary quarantine measures;
- 5) transfer and distribution of import customs duties;
- 6) establishment of trade regimes for third parties;
- 7) statistics of foreign and mutual trade;
- 8) macroeconomic policy;
- 9) competition policy;
- 10) industrial and agricultural subsidies;
- 11) energy policy;
- 12) natural monopolies;
- 13) state and/or municipal procurement;
- 14) mutual trade in services and investments;
- 15) transport and transportation;
- 16) monetary policy;
- 17) intellectual property;
- 18) labour migration;
- 19) financial markets (banking, insurance, the currency market, the securities market);
- 20) other spheres as specified in the Treaty and other international treaties within the Union.
- 4. The Commission shall, within its powers, ensure the implementation of international treaties that form the Union law.
- 5. The Commission shall act as a depositary of international treaties within the Union and decisions of the Supreme Council and the Intergovernmental Council.
- 6. The Supreme Council may vest into the Commission the power to sign international treaties on matters within the competence of the Commission.

- 7. In order to ensure efficient functioning of the Union, the Commission shall have the right to establish advisory bodies for holding consultations on specific issues governed by decisions of the Commission.
- 8. The Commission shall be entitled to request from the Member States their opinion on any issue examined by the Commission. Respective requests shall be sent to the governments of the Member States. The Commission shall also be entitled to request from executive authorities of the Member States, juridical and natural persons any information required by the Commission for the exercise of its powers. Copies of requests sent by the Commission to such juridical and natural persons, with the exception of requests containing confidential information, shall be simultaneously directed to the authorised executive authority of a Member State. A request for information or opinion shall be sent on behalf of the Commission by the Chairman or a member of the Board of the Commission, unless otherwise provided by the Treaty.

Executive authorities of the Member States shall provide the information requested within the period prescribed in the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, on condition that it does not contain any data classified in accordance with the legislation of the Member States as a State secrecy (State secrets) or restricted information.

The procedure for the exchange of information containing data classified in accordance with the legislation of the Member States as a State secret (State secrets) or restricted information shall be determined by international treaties within the Union.

- 9. The Commission shall be responsible for the preparation of the Budget of the Union and reports on its implementation and shall manage funds of the Commission's budget estimate.
 - 10. The Commission shall have the rights of a juridical person.

- 11. The Commission shall consist of the Council of the Commission and the Board of the Commission. Operating procedures of the Council of the Commission and the Board of the Commission shall be as specified in the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by the Supreme Council (hereinafter "the Rules of Procedure").
- 12. The Council of the Commission shall have the right to form structural subdivisions (hereinafter "the Departments of the Commission").
- 13. The Commission shall, within its powers, adopt decisions with regulatory and binding effect for the Member States, organisational and administrative dispositions and non-binding recommendations.

Decisions of the Commission shall form part of the Union law and shall be directly applicable on the territories of the Member States.

14. Decisions, dispositions and recommendations of the Commission shall be adopted by the Council of the Commission and the Board of the Commission within the powers determined by the Treaty and other international treaties within the Union, in the manner prescribed by the Treaty and the Rules of Procedure.

The separation of powers and functions between the Council of the Commission and the Board of the Commission shall be as determined in the Rules of Procedure.

15. All decisions of the Commission that may influence the business environment shall be adopted based on the results of regulatory impact assessments of their draft versions.

The procedure for regulatory impact assessments of such draft decisions of the Commission shall be determined in the Rules of Procedure.

16. Unless otherwise provided for by the Treaty and other international treaties within the Union, decisions of the Commission shall take effect at least 30 calendar days after their official publication.

Decisions of the Commission referred to in paragraph 18 of this Regulation, as well as any decisions of the Commission taken in exceptional cases requiring rapid response, may have different dates of entry into force, but not less than 10 calendar days after their official publication.

The procedure for the adoption and entry into force of the decision of the Commission referred to in the second indent of this paragraph shall be as determined by the Rules of Procedure.

Decisions of the Commission containing restricted information shall enter into force on the dates specified therein.

Dispositions of the Commission shall enter into force on the dates specified therein.

- 17. Any decisions of the Commission worsening the situation of natural and/or juridical persons shall have no retroactive effect.
- 18. Decisions of the Commission improving the situation of natural and/or juridical persons may be retroactive, if it is expressly provided therein.
- 19. Decisions of the Commission shall be published and made available in accordance with the procedure determined by Article 111 of the Treaty.
- 20. All decisions shall be adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 18 of the Treaty and this Regulation through the voting of members of the Council of the Commission or members of the Board of the Commission.
 - 21. The distribution of votes in the Commission shall be as follows:
- 1) in the Council of the Commission, a single vote of the Council member shall be equal to one vote;

2) in the Board of the Commission, a single vote of the Board member shall be equal to one vote;

II. Council of the Commission

- 22. The Council of the Commission shall carry out the general regulation of integration processes in the Union, as well as of the general management of the Commission's activities.
- 23. The Council of the Commission shall be composed of one representative from each Member State. Each representative shall be the Deputy Head of the Government of the state, duly authorised in accordance with the legislation of the state.

The Member States shall notify each other, as well as the Board of the Commission, of their representative to the Council of the Commission in the manner prescribed by the Rules of Procedure.

- 24. The Council of the Commission shall exercise the following functions and powers:
- 1) organising the work to improve legal regulation of activities of the Union;
- 2) submitting for the approval of the Supreme Council main integration directions within the Union;
- 3) considering the cancellation of the Commission's decisions taken by the Board of the Commission or the introduction of amendments thereto in accordance with paragraph 30 of this Regulation;
- 4) considering the results of monitoring and control of the implementation of international treaties that form the Union law;

- 5) introducing to the Intergovernmental Council annual reports on the monitoring of regulatory impact assessment procedure;
- 6) upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Board of the Commission, approving a list of the Departments of the Commission, their structure and total staffing, as well as their distribution between the members of the Board of the Commission;
- 7) approving qualification requirements to officials and employees of the Commission;
- 8) deciding on the withdrawal of privileges and immunities from members of the Commission on the grounds stipulated in the Regulation on Social Guarantees, Privileges and Immunities within the Eurasian Economic Union (see Annex 32 to the Treaty);
 - 9) approving the draft Budget of the Union;
- 10) approving remuneration procedures for members of the Board of the Commission, officials and employees of the Commission;
- 11) approving the total maximum staffing of the Departments of the Commission;
- 12) approving the plan to create and develop an integrated information system of the Union;
- 13) in order to ensure observance of the rights of nationals of the Member States for employment in Departments of the Commission, as envisaged by the Treaty, establishing the Commission on Ethics under the Council of the Commission and approve the regulation thereon;
 - 14) instructing the Board of the Commission;
- 15) exercising other functions and powers in accordance with the Treaty, international treaties within the Union and the Rules of Procedure.

- 25. Prior to adoption of a decision of the Council of the Commission or the Board of the Commission, the Council of the Commission shall be entitled to specify the issues on which the Board of the Commission shall hold consultations within the advisory body established in accordance with paragraph 44 of this Regulation.
- 26. Meetings of the Council of the Commission shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. Any member of the Council of the Commission may initiate a meeting of the Council of the Commission and make proposals on the agenda.

A meeting of the Council of the Commission shall be considered valid if attended by all members of the Council of the Commission.

27. Meetings of the Council of the Commission shall be attended by the Chairman of the Board of the Commission and, at the invitation of the Council of the Commission, by members of the Board of the Commission. Members of the Council of the Commission may invite representatives of the Member States and other persons to meetings of the Council of the Commission.

Meetings of the Council of the Commission may be attended by representatives of third States in the manner and on the terms specified in the Treaty.

28. Chairmanship of the Council of the Commission shall be arranged in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 8 of the Treaty.

In the event of early termination of powers of the Chairman of the Council of the Council of the Council of the Commission representing the presiding Member State shall exercise the powers of the Chairman of the Council of the Commission within the remaining period.

The Chairman of the Council of the Commission shall:

generally manage the preparation of issues submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the Council of the Commission;

determine the agenda;

open, close and chair meetings of the Council of the Commission.

29. The Council of the Commission shall adopt decisions, dispositions and recommendations within its powers.

The Council of the Commission shall adopt decisions, dispositions and recommendations by consensus.

If no consensus is reached, the issue shall be referred for consideration to the Supreme Council or the Intergovernmental Council following the proposal of any Council of the Commission member.

30. Any Member State or Council of the Commission member shall be entitled to, within 15 calendar days from the date of publication of a decision of the Board of the Commission, submit to the Board of the Commission a proposal for its cancellation or amendment.

On the day of receipt of such a proposal, the Chairman of the Board of the Commission shall send to Council of the Commission members the appropriate materials regarding the decision.

Upon receipt of such materials, the Council of the Commission shall consider them and adopt a decision within 10 calendar days.

In case of disagreement with the decision adopted by the Council of the Commission following consideration of cancellation or amendment of a decision of the Board of the Commission, or upon expiry of the period specified in the third indent of this paragraph, a Member State may, no later than 30 calendar days from the date of the official publication of the decision of the Council of the Commission, submit to the Commission a letter signed

by the head of its government with a proposal for the introduction of the issue for consideration to the Intergovernmental Council and/or the Supreme Council.

The head of government of a Member State may apply to the Commission with a proposal to introduce issues regarding the Commission's decisions referred to in the second indent of paragraph 16 of this Regulation for consideration to the Intergovernmental Council and/or the Supreme Council at any stage prior to the date of their entry into force.

The decision of the Board of the Commission the cancellation or amendment of which was requested in accordance with this paragraph shall not come into force and shall be suspended for the time required for consideration thereof by the Intergovernmental Council and/or the Supreme Council and for taking appropriate decision following this consideration.

III. Board of the Commission

31. The Board of the Commission shall be the executive body of the Commission.

The Board of the Commission shall be composed of Board members, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Board of the Commission.

The Board of the Commission shall be comprised of representatives of the Member States based on the principle of equal representation of the Member States.

The number of Board of the Commission members and the allocation of responsibilities between the Board members shall be determined by the Supreme Council.

The Board of the Commission shall manage the Departments of the Commission.

32. A member of the Board of the Commission shall be a national of the Member State represented.

Members of the Board of the Commission shall meet the following requirements: have professional training (qualifications) corresponding to their official duties, as well as professional experience in the area related to his or her official duties of at least 7 years, including at least one year in a senior management position at a public authority of a Member State.

33. Members of the Board of the Commission shall be appointed by the Supreme Council for a term of 4 years with a possible prolongation of powers.

The Chairman of the Board of the Commission shall be appointed by the Supreme Council for a term of 4 years on a rotational basis, without the right of prolongation. Rotation shall be held alternately in the Russian alphabetical order by names of the Member States.

34. Members of the Board of the Commission shall work in the Commission on a permanent basis. When exercising their powers, members of the Board of the Commission shall be independent of all public authorities and officials of the Member States and may not request or receive instructions from government authorities or officials of the Member States.

The procedure for interaction between members of the Board of the Commission and the Member States with regard to international activities shall be in accordance with the Procedure for International Cooperation of the Eurasian Economic Union approved by the Supreme Council.

35. Members of the Board of the Commission shall not be entitled to combine their work in the Board of the Commission with any other work or

engage in any other paid activities, except for teaching, research and creative activities, throughout the term of their office.

- 36. Members of the Board of the Commission may not:
- 1) participate on a paid basis in the activities of a management body of a commercial entity;
 - 2) engage in business activities;
- 3) receive remuneration in connection with the exercise of their powers from any natural and juridical persons (gifts, monetary rewards, loans, services, payment for entertainment or recreation, transportation costs and other remunerations). All gifts received by a member of the Board of the Commission in connection with protocol events, official business and other official events (except for symbolic gifts) shall be recognised as the property of the Commission and transferred to the Commission under a certificate. A member of the Board of the Commission having transferred such a gift to the Commission shall be entitled to buy it out in the manner approved by the Council of the Commission;
- 4) travel in exercise of their official duties at the expense of natural and juridical persons;
- 5) use any logistical and other support facilities or any other property of the Commission for purposes not related to the exercise of their powers or transfer them to other persons;
- 6) disclose or use for purposes not related to the exercise of their powers any confidential or proprietary information that has become known to such members in connection with the exercise of their powers;
- 7) use the powers of a member of the Board of the Commission in the interests of political parties and other public associations, religious groups and other organisations, as well as publicly express their attitude towards

these associations and organisations as a member of the Board of the Commission, unless it is within the scope of their powers;

- 8) create within the Commission any structural subdivisions of political parties, other public associations (except for trade unions, unions of veterans and other local community groups) and religious associations or facilitate the creation of these structures.
- 37. If a member of the Board of the Commission owns any incomegenerating securities and/or shares (shares in the authorised capital of organisations), this member shall within a reasonable time place the securities and/or shares (shares in the authorised capital of organisations) owned into trust.
- 38. The restrictions determined in paragraphs 35–37 of this Regulation shall also be applied to officials and employees of the Commission.
- 39. Any violation of the restrictions determined in paragraphs 35–37 of this Regulation shall be grounds for early termination of office of the member of the Board of the Commission or termination of an employment agreement (contract) with the official or employee of the Commission.
- 40. Each Member State shall nominate candidates for membership in the Board of the Commission to the Supreme Council.

The list of members of the Board of the Commission, including the Chairman, shall be approved by the Supreme Council on the proposal of the Member States.

In case of non-approval of a candidate for the Board of the Commission by the Supreme Council, the Member State shall nominate a new candidate within 30 calendar days.

41. The Member States shall not be entitled to recall a member of the Board of the Commission, except in cases of unfair performance of his/her duties or in cases specified in paragraphs 35–37 of this Regulation.

Early termination of office of a member of the Board of the Commission (except in the case of voluntary resignation) shall be performed upon request from a Member State on the basis of a decision of the Supreme Council.

In the event of early termination of office of a member of the Board of the Commission, a new member of the Board of the Commission shall be appointed for the unexpired term of office of the previous member of the Board of the Commission on the request of the same Member State that nominated the member whose powers were terminated.

- 42. Distribution of responsibilities between the Board of the Commission members, as well as the total staffing of the Department of the Commission and remuneration procedures for members of the Board of the Commission, officials and employees of the Commission (including their salaries) shall be approved by the Supreme Council.
- 43. The Board of the Commission shall exercise the following functions and powers:
- 1) developing own proposals and compiling proposals submitted by the Member States in the field of integration within the Union (including the development and implementation of the main directions of integration);
 - 2) adopting decisions, dispositions and recommendations;
- 3) implementing decisions and dispositions adopted by the Supreme Council and the Intergovernmental Council and decisions adopted by the Council of the Commission;

- 4) monitoring and controlling the implementation of international treaties that form the Union law and decisions of the Commission as well notifying the Member States of the requirement for their implementation;
- 5) submitting annual progress reports for consideration by the Council of the Commission;
- 6) developing recommendations on issues relating to the formation, functioning and development of the Union;
- 7) preparing expert reports (in writing) regarding all proposals from the Member States received by the Commission;
- 8) assisting the Member States in the settlement of disputes within the Union before applying to the Court of the Union;
- 9) ensuring representation of the interests of the Commission in courts, including the Court of the Union;
- 10) within its powers, interacting with public authorities of the Member States;
 - 11) considering incoming requests to the Commission;
- 12) upon request by the Chairman of the Board of the Commission, approving foreign business trip plans for members of the Board, officials and employees of the Commission for the next year;
- 13) upon request by the Chairman of the Board of the Commission, approving the scientific research plan for the next year reviewed by advisory committees and informing the Council of the Commission of the plan;
- 14) developing a draft Budget of the Union and draft reports on its implementation, ensuring implementation of the budget estimates of the Commission;

- 15) drafting international treaties and decisions of the Commission adopted by the Council of the Commission, as well as other documents required for the exercise of powers by the Commission;
- 16) in due course, conducting regulatory impact assessments and preparing annual reports on monitoring of these procedures;
- 17) ensuring the holding of meetings of the Council of the Commission, the Intergovernmental Council, the Supreme Council and auxiliary bodies established in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 5 of the Treaty;
- 18) submitting to the Council of the Commission proposals for the withdrawal of privileges and immunities from officials and employees of the Commission;
- 19) placing orders and concluding contracts for the supply of goods, performance of works and provision of services required by the Commission in accordance with the procedure approved by the Council of the Commission;
- 20) ensuring compliance with the procedures for handling restricted documents (confidential and for internal use only) approved by the Council of the Commission.
- 44. The Board of the Commission shall be entitled to establish advisory bodies under the Board of the Commission, the activities and operation procedures of which shall be specified in the relevant regulation approved by the Board of the Commission. Appropriate advisory bodies required for the consideration of issues identified by the Council of the Commission shall be created by the Board of the Commission on a mandatory basis.

45. Advisory bodies under the Board of the Commission shall be composed of authorised representatives of public authorities of the Member States.

If suggested by the Member States, advisory bodies under the Board of the Commission shall include representatives of the business community, scientific and non-governmental organisations, and other independent experts.

- 46. Advisory bodies under the Board of the Commission shall, within their powers, issue recommendations for the Commission on matters within their competence. Proposals introduced by members of advisory bodies at meetings of the advisory bodies may not be regarded as the final opinions of the Member States.
- 47. Organisational and technical support of advisory bodies under the Board of the Commission shall be ensured by the Commission.

The costs associated with the participation of authorised representatives of public authorities of the Member States in advisory bodies under the Board of the Commission shall be incurred by the Member States. The costs associated with the participation of representatives of the business community, scientific and non-governmental organisations and other independent experts in advisory bodies under the Board of the Commission shall be incurred independently by the said persons.

48. The Board of the Commission shall, within its powers, adopt decisions, dispositions and recommendations.

Decisions, dispositions and recommendations of the Commission adopted by the Board of the Commission shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of the Commission.

49. Meetings of the Board of the Commission shall, as a rule, be held at least once a week.

Members of the Board of the Commission shall take part in the meeting of the Board of the Commission in person, without the right of substitution. In case of objective impossibility of participation in a meeting of the Board of the Commission, the member of the Board of the Commission shall be entitled, subject to the procedure determined by the Rules of Procedure, to state his/her opinion in writing or by proxy and, with the consent of the Chairman of the Board of the Commission, to delegate the right to represent this opinion to the Director of the Department of the Commission who is in charge of the issue in question. In this case, the Director of the Department of the Commission shall not be entitled to vote.

Meetings of the Board may be attended by one representative from each Member State.

Extraordinary meetings may be held at the request of at least one Board of the Commission member, based on the decision of the Chairman of the Board of the Commission. The procedure for holding meetings of the Board of the Commission and the voting procedure shall be as determined by the Rules of Procedure.

- 50. A set of documents and materials for each item in the draft agenda of meetings of the Board of the Commission shall be, on a mandatory basis, circulated to all the Member States in accordance with the Rules of Procedure at least 30 calendar days before the date of the meeting.
 - 51. The Chairman of the Board of the Commission shall:
- 1) organise the activities of the Board of the Commission and bear responsibility for the exercise of its functions;

- 2) duly compile draft plans of meetings of the Board of the Commission and the Council of the Commission for the next period and the agenda for meetings of the Board of the Commission and the Council of the Commission, as well as draft agenda for the meetings of the Supreme Council and the Intergovernmental Council, subject to approval at meetings of the Council of the Commission and distribution between the Member States no later than 20 calendar days before the date of the relevant meeting with all necessary materials included;
- 3) report to the Council of the Commission, the Intergovernmental Council and the Supreme Council on matters requiring their decisions and on other documents with respective proposals following their consideration at meetings of the Board of the Commission;
- 4) determine operation procedure for the Departments of the Commission and matters within their competence;
- 5) organise the preparation of meetings of the Board of the Commission, the Council of the Commission, the Intergovernmental Council and the Supreme Council;
 - 6) chair meetings of the Board of the Commission;
 - 7) participate in the meetings of the Council of the Commission;
- 8) represent the Board of the Commission in the Council of the Commission;
- 9) upon agreement with members of the Board of the Commission, introduce to the Council of the Commission proposals for assigning the Departments of the Commission to specific Board of the Commission members;

- 10) determine the procedure for cooperation with representatives of the media, the rules of public speaking for officials and employees of the Commission as well the rules of providing official information;
- 11) act on behalf of the Commission as the administrator of the Budget of the Union, manage funds within the budget estimates of the Commission and financial resources of the Commission, conclude civil law contracts and appear in court;
- 12) following the results of respective competition, appoint Directors of the Departments of the Commission and their deputies and conclude contracts with them;
- 13) following the results of respective competition, conclude employment agreements (contracts) with Commission employees on behalf of the Commission;
 - 14) approve regulations on the Departments of the Commission;
- 15) appoint the Acting Chairman of the Board of the Commission from among the members of the Board of the Commission;
- 16) exercise the powers of employer's representative in respect of officials and employees of the Commission, approve official regulations (job descriptions) and leave schedules, grant leave and decide on business trips;
- 17) ensure verification of facts specified in a request of a Member State to revoke a member of the Board of the Commission on the grounds specified in paragraphs 35–37 of this Regulation, in accordance with the procedure approved by the Council of the Commission;
- 18) exercise other functions required for the operation of the Board of the Commission and the Departments of the Commission in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

- 52. In accordance with the division of responsibilities, a member of the Board of the Commission shall:
 - 1) prepare proposals on matters within his/her competence;
- 2) report at meetings of the Board of the Commission and the Council of the Commission on matters within his/her competence;
- 3) coordinate and control activities of the supervised Departments of the Commission;
- 4) prepare draft decisions, dispositions and recommendations of the Board of the Commission on matters within his/her competence;
- 5) monitor the implementation by the Member States of international treaties that form the Union law on matters within his/her competence;
- 6) monitor the enforcement by the Member States of Commission decisions on matters within his/her competence;
- 7) prepare draft expert opinions (in writing) in response to proposals from the Member States on matters within his/her competence received by the Commission;
- 8) within the powers of the Board of the Commission, cooperate with public authorities of the Member States on matters within his/her competence (including request from public authorities of the Member States, juridical and natural persons any information required to exercise his/her powers);
- 9) ensure the drafting of international treaties, decisions, dispositions and recommendations of the Commission adopted by the Council of the Commission, as well as other documents required to exercise the powers of the Commission on matters within his/her competence;
- 10) ensure due participation of the supervised Departments of the Commission in regulatory impact assessment procedure;

- 11) submit to the Board of the Commission proposals for the establishment of advisory bodies under the Board of the Commission on matters within his/her competence.
- 53. Issues relating to the provision of privileges, immunities and social security to members of the Board of the Commission, as well as issues related to labour relations and compulsory state social security and pensions shall be governed by the Regulation on Social Guarantees, Privileges and Immunities within the Eurasian Economic Union (see Annex 32 to the Treaty).

IV. Departments of the Commission

54. Activities of the Council of the Commission and the Board of the Commission shall be supported by the Departments of the Commission.

Departments of the Commission shall consist of officials and employees.

Officials and employees of the Commission shall be employed in accordance with Article 9 of the Treaty.

Directors of Departments of the Commission and their deputies shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of the Commission on the basis of recommendations of the competition commission for a term of 4 years.

Directors of Departments of the Commission and their deputies shall meet the following requirements:

be nationals of the Member States;

have appropriate professional training (qualifications) for their official duties and professional experience in the area related to their official duties of at least 5 years.

Employees of Departments of the Commission shall be selected on a competitive basis from among the nationals of the Member States meeting the qualification requirements for the position approved by the Council of the Commission.

Commission employees shall be recruited under employment agreements (contracts) concluded with the Chairman of the Board of the Commission.

The procedure for concluding employment agreements (contracts), their extension and grounds for their termination shall be approved by the Council of the Commission.

Additional requirements specified in the competition procedures may be applied to candidates.

Commission employees shall be certified in accordance with the procedure approved by the Council of the Commission.

- 55. Departments of the Commission shall exercise the following functions:
- 1) preparing materials, draft decisions, dispositions and recommendations on issues of functioning of the Union (including proposals for the conclusion and amendment of international treaties) for their subsequent consideration by members of the Board of the Commission;
- 2) monitoring implementation by the Member States of international treaties that form the Union law, decisions and dispositions of the Board of the Commission, the Council of the Commission, the Intergovernmental Council and the Supreme Council for the purposes of introducing the results to members of the Board of the Commission;

- 3) preparing proposals for consideration by members of the Board of the Commission following the results of monitoring and analysis of the legislation of the Member States in the areas governed by the Union law;
- 4) preparing draft international treaties and other documents required for the functioning of the Union;
 - 5) cooperating with the public authorities of the Member States;
- 6) preparing drafts of the Budget of the Union and reports on their implementation, developing draft budget estimates of the Commission and ensuring their implementation;
- 7) ensuring performance by the Commission of the functions of a depositary with regard to international treaties within the Union;
- 8) duly participating in regulatory impact assessment procedures and monitoring these procedures;
- 9) exercising other functions specified in the international treaties that form the Union law, decisions of the Supreme Council, the Intergovernmental Council and the Commission (including those aimed at organising the work of the Bodies of the Union and information and technical support of the Commission activities).
- 56. Officials and employees of the Commission shall be deemed international civil servants.

In the performance of their official duties, officials and employees of the Commission shall be independent from all public authorities and officials of the Member States and may not request or receive instructions from government authorities or officials of the Member States.

Each Member State shall respect the status of officials and employees of the Commission and shall not influence the performance of their duties.

Officials and employees of the Commission shall not have the right to combine their work in the Commission with any other work or engage in any other paid activities, except for teaching, research and creative activities, throughout the term of their office and exercise of their duties.

- 57. Members of the Board of the Commission, officials and employees of the Commission shall annually submit to the Commission information on their income, assets and material liabilities, as well as the income, assets and material liabilities of their family members (spouses and minor children) in the manner and time determined by the Council of the Commission.
- 58. All information on the income, assets and material liabilities submitted by members of the Board of the Commission and officials and employees of the Commission in accordance with this Regulation shall be deemed confidential.
- 59. Any persons found guilty of disclosing the information specified in paragraphs 57 and 58 of this Regulation shall be liable in accordance with the legislation of the Member States.
- 60. The accuracy and completeness of the information specified in paragraphs 57 and 58 of this Regulation shall be verified in the manner approved by the Intergovernmental Council.
- 61. Members of the Board of the Commission, officials and employees of the Commission shall take measures to prevent or resolve any conflict of interest that may arise due to the presence of personal interests of such members of the Board of the Commission, officials or employees of the Commission.
- 62. Issues relating to the provision of privileges, immunities and social security to officials and employees of the Commission, as well as issues related to labour relations and compulsory state social security and pensions

shall be governed by the Regulation on Social Guarantees, Privileges and Immunities within the Eurasian Economic Union (see Annex 32 to the Treaty).