

TITLE I

GENERAL PRINCIPLES*Article 2*

1. Respect for the democratic principles, human rights and fundamental freedoms, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and as defined in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the Helsinki Final Act of 1975 of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the Charter of Paris for a New Europe of 1990, shall form the basis of the domestic and external policies of the Parties and constitute an essential element of this Agreement. Countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, related materials and their means of delivery also constitutes an essential element of this Agreement.
2. The Parties reiterate their commitment to the principles of a free market economy, sustainable development and effective multilateralism.
3. The Parties reaffirm their respect for the principles of the rule of law and good governance, as well as their international obligations, notably under the UN, the Council of Europe and the OSCE.
4. The Parties commit themselves to foster cooperation and good neighbourly relations, including cooperation on the development of projects of common interest, notably those related to preventing and combating corruption, criminal activities, organised or otherwise, including those of transnational character, and terrorism. That commitment constitutes a key factor in the development of the relations and cooperation between the Parties and contributes to regional peace and stability.

TITLE II

POLITICAL DIALOGUE AND REFORM, COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY*Article 3***Aims of political dialogue**

1. Political dialogue on all areas of mutual interest, including foreign and security matters as well as domestic reform, shall be further developed and strengthened between the Parties. That will increase the effectiveness of political co-operation and promote convergence on foreign and security matters.
2. The aims of political dialogue shall be:
 - (a) to deepen political association and increase political and security policy convergence and effectiveness;
 - (b) to promote international stability and security based on effective multilateralism;
 - (c) to strengthen cooperation and dialogue between the Parties on international security and crisis management, particularly in order to address global and regional challenges and key threats;
 - (d) to foster result-oriented and practical cooperation between the Parties for achieving peace, security and stability on the European continent;
 - (e) to strengthen respect for democratic principles, the rule of law and good governance, human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, and to contribute to consolidating domestic political reforms;
 - (f) to develop dialogue and to deepen cooperation of the Parties in the field of security and defence; and
 - (g) to respect and promote the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity, inviolability of borders and independence.

*Article 4***Domestic reform**

The Parties shall cooperate on the following areas:

- (a) developing, consolidating and increasing the stability and effectiveness of democratic institutions and the rule of law;