Parties shall, for their own needs, if necessary, carry out the development of the Goods Nomenclature beyond 9-digits.

# Article 8

The Contracting Parties have agreed not to use the national aid in the form of subsidies to enterprises or in any other form, if such national aid might cause violation of normal economic conditions on the territory of the other Contracting Party.

#### Article 9

The Contracting Parties have agreed that the observance of a principle of transit freedom shall be the most important condition for achieving the objectives of this Agreement and shall be an essential element of the process of their attachment to the system of international division of labor and cooperation.

In this connection, either Contracting Party shall provide a free transit, via its territory, of goods originated from the customs territory of the other Contracting Party and/or third countries and intended for the customs territory of the other Contracting Party or any third country. Either Contracting Party shall provide exporters, importers or carriers with all means and services available and necessary to provide transit on terms not worse than those on which the same means and services are provided to its own exporters, importers or carriers, or to exporters, importers or carriers of any third country.

The Contracting Parties have agreed that tariffs on transit by any kind of transport, including tariffs on loading and unloading works, will be economically substantiated. Page 4

The Contracting Parties will conclude a special agreement on transit issues.

# Article 10

Nothing herein must prevent a Contracting Party from taking measures which it considers necessary to protect its vital interests or which are undoubtedly necessary for the implementation of the international agreements of which it intends to become a signatory, if these measures concern:

- information affecting interests of the national defense;
- trade in weapons, ammunition and military equipment;
- investigations or production connected with needs of defense;
- deliveries of materials and equipment used in nuclear industry;
- defense of public moral and public order;
- protection of industrial or intellectual property;
- gold, silver or other precious metals and stones;
- health protection of people, animals and plants.

#### Article 11

The provisions of this Agreement shall replace provisions of the agreements concluded earlier between the Contracting Parties, if the latter is either not compatible with the former or identical to it. The Contracting Parties will instruct bodies to prepare a relevant Protocol on this issue.

# Article 12

This Agreement shall not affect the effectiveness of other Agreements earlier concluded by the Contracting Parties with third countries.

# Article 13

Nothing herein shall prevent the Contracting Parties from carrying out relations, which do not contradict the objectives and terms hereof, with States which are not Parties to this Agreement and with their associations and international organizations.

### Article 14

Disputes between the Contracting Parties regarding the interpretation or application of the provisions hereof will be settled by way of negotiations.

Article 15