

Each of the Parties shall refrain from actions which can damage economically the other Party.

Article 2

1. The Contracting Parties shall provide a free trade regime to each other.

The Contracting Parties shall not apply customs duties, taxes and levies, which have equivalent effect, as well as quantitative restrictions, to exportation and/or importation of goods originating in the customs territory of one of the Contracting Parties and intended for the customs territory of the other Contracting Party. Exceptions to this trade regime according to the coordinated Goods Nomenclature shall be in the form of documents which are integral part of this Agreement.

2. In accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, the Contracting Parties shall yearly develop and coordinate a general schedule of exceptions to the free trade regime and methods of applying such exceptions.

3. For the purposes of this Agreement and for the period it is effective, goods originating in the territories of the Contracting Parties shall be goods determined by the Regulations on Determining a Country of Origin, as of 24 September, 1993, approved by the Decision of the Governments Heads' Council of the Community of Independent States.

Article 3

Each Contracting Party shall not:

- directly or indirectly impose on goods of the other Contracting Party, subject to this Agreement, domestic taxes or levies which exceed the relevant taxes or levies imposed on similar domestically produced goods or goods originating in third countries;
- introduce with respect to importation or exportation of goods, subject to this Agreement, any special restrictions or requirements which in a similar situation are not applied to similar domestically produced goods or to goods originating in third countries;
- with respect to warehousing, transshipping, storing and transporting goods originating in the territory of the other Contracting Party and with respect to payments and transfer of payments, apply rules other than those which are similarly applied with respect to its own goods or goods originating in third countries.

Article 4

Under the framework of this Agreement, in mutual trade the Contracting Parties shall refrain from applying with respect to the other Contracting Party discriminatory measures, or from introducing quantitative restrictions or measures, equivalent with them, with respect to exportation and/or importation of goods. The Contracting Parties may unilaterally establish quantitative or other special restrictions, but only in reasonable limits and for a strictly appointed term. These restrictions must be exclusive and may be applied only in cases provided by the Agreements under the GATT/WTO. A Contracting Party which applies quantitative restrictions in compliance with this Article must, as far as possible in advance, provide the other Party with full information concerning the basic reasons for the