

**TREATY
ON A FREE-TRADE AREA
(St. Petersburg, October 18, 2011)**

The member states of the Commonwealth of Independent States, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Taking into account the necessity of proper and efficient functioning of the free-trade area,

For the purpose of formation of conditions for a free flow of goods;

Understanding the necessity of being integrated into the world economy and international trade system;

Being guided by a desire for a constant rise in the living standards of the population of its states,

Proceeding from the assumption that provisions of this Treaty are applicable to trade in goods between the Parties,

And recognizing generally accepted norms of international law and being guided by the norms of the WTO agreements, in particular GATT 1994, including Article XXIV of GATT 1994,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1
Definitions**

1. Definitions used in this Treaty shall mean the following:

WTO - World Trade Organisation, created in accordance with the Marrakech Agreement on Establishing the World Trade Organization, signed on April 15, 1994;

GATT 1994 - General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of 1994 contained in Annex 1A to the Agreement on the Establishment of a World Trade Organisation of April 15, 1994;

payments equivalent to customs duties - payments collected at importation or exportation of goods, and also in other cases established by the national legislation of a Party analogous, by the purposes and economic effect, to customs duties which are not customs duties, a compensation for the value of services rendered in connection with the carrying out of procedures for importation or exportation and are not connected with the application of safeguard, antidumping, countervailing measures in mutual trade;

import of goods - importation of goods onto the customs territory of a Party without the obligation on re-export;

export of goods - exportation of goods from the customs territory of a Party without the obligation on re-import;

re-export - exportation of a commodity originating from the customs territory of one of the Parties from the customs territory of another Party to third countries:

authorized export - re-export of a commodity in whose respect a Party which is the country of origin of such commodity establishes or maintains customs duties in its export to third countries effectuated in the presence of a properly drawn up written permit issued by the authorised body of the country of origin of the goods;

unauthorized re-export - re-export of a commodity in whose respect a Party which is the country of origin of such good establishes or maintains customs duties in its export to third countries effectuated without a properly drawn up written permit issued by the authorised body of the country of origin of the goods.

2. When using in this Treaty references to provisions of GATT 1994 or to any other international treaties concluded within the WTO, the terms contained therein "contracting Party/Parties" or "member/members" shall mean, respectively, Party/Parties as they are defined in the preamble of this Treaty.