

In the single regulatory SES body the decisions on all issues shall be made by judicious voting. The number of votes of each of the Parties shall be determined with allowance for its economic potential. The distribution of votes shall be established on the basis of agreement of the Parties.

Any Party shall be entitled to submit to the CHS a proposal for the reconsideration of a decision by the single SES regulatory body.

A separate international agreement shall stipulate a compensation mechanism, if a made decision causes substantial damages to one or several Parties.

Article 5

The SES shall be established by stages with allowance for the opportunities of the different levels and pace of integration.

The transition from one stage to another shall be made by the Party that performed in full all the actions stipulated in the previous stage of the Main Action Plan for the establishment of the Single Economic Space.

The Parties, as far as they are prepared, shall accede to the international agreements that ensure the establishment and operation of the SES. Each Party shall abide by a concerted consistency in acceding to such international agreements. None of the Parties may hinder the other Party from advancing more rapidly to a higher level of integration.

The difference in the level and pace of integration means that each Party shall independently determine in what areas of development of integration or individual integrative actions it takes part and to what extent.

Article 6

The legal foundation of ensuring the establishment and operation of the SES shall be international agreements and decisions of the SES bodies concluded and made with allowance for the legislations of the Parties and in accordance with generally recognized rules and principles of international law.

Article 7

Disputes and differences between the Parties as to the interpretation and/or application of the provisions of the present Agreement shall be settled by holding consultations and negotiations.

Article 8

The present Agreement shall be open to accession by other states that share its purposes and principles on the terms conciliated with all the Parties to the Agreement.

For the acceding state the present Agreement shall come into force from the date of receipt by the depositary of the last notification of the Parties about the consent for such accession.

Article 9

To the present Agreement, by mutual agreement of the Parties, amendments and additions may be introduced and formalized by separate protocols which are an inseparable part of the present Agreement and come into force under the procedure set out in Article 10 of the present Agreement.

Article 10

The present Agreement shall come into force from the day of receipt by the depositary of the last written notification about the Parties' performance of the inter-state procedures required for the Agreement to become effective.

Article 11

The present Agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite period.

Each Party may secede from the present Agreement by a written notification addressed to the depositary not less than within 12 months from secession.

The Republic of Kazakhstan shall be the depositary of the present Agreement.

The depositary shall notify within one month all the Parties to the present Agreement about the secession of any of its Parties.

Made at Yalta on September 19, 2003 in one valid copy in the Russian language. The valid copy shall be in custody in the archives of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which shall sent to each state that signed the present Agreement its certified copy.

For the Republic of Belarus

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For the Russian Federation

(signature)

For the Republic of Kazakhstan

(signature)

For Ukraine

(signature)

CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SINGLE ECONOMIC SPACE

The concept of establishment of the Single Economic Space (hereinafter – Concept) is a program of actions for establishing a single economic environment of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine (hereinafter – member-states) in order to deepen multilateral economic cooperation.

Under the Single Economic Space (SES) the member-states mean an economic environment that unites their customs territories, in which operate the mechanisms of regulating the economies on the basis of uniform principles ensuring the free movement of goods, services, capital and labor, and in which is pursued a single foreign trade, tax, monetary and financial policy conciliated in the degree and in the scope that is necessary to ensure equal competition and sustain macroeconomic stability.

I. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of establishing the SES is to create conditions for the stable and efficient development of the member-states' economies and to raise the standards of living of the population.

The member countries shall strive to facilitate:

- the development of trade and investment between the member-states, which would ensure the sustained development of the Parties' economies on the basis of generally recognized principles and rules of international law;
- the creation of opportunities for the development of entrepreneurship by setting up a harmonized system of regulation and integration of the infrastructure complex;
- the integration and buildup of the member-states' economic potentials in order to raise the competitiveness of the member-states' economies on foreign markets.