

- the strengthening of the unity and development of economic potentials, as well as raising the competitiveness of the Parties' economies on foreign markets.

Article 2

The Parties shall deal with the stage-by-stage tasks of deepening integration by meeting their undertaken commitments and actually achieving the objectives of:

- establishing a free trade area without exclusions and restrictions, which in mutual trade provides for the nonuse of antidumping, compensating and special protective measures on the basis of pursuing a uniform policy in tariff and nontariff regulation, uniform rules of competition, application of subsidies and other forms of state support;
- unifying the principles of the design and application of technical regulations and standards, sanitary and phytosanitary rules;
- harmonizing macroeconomic policy;
- creating conditions for the free movement of goods, services, capital and labor;
- harmonizing the Parties' legislations to the extent that is necessary for the operation of the SES, of trade and competition policy included;
- designing uniform principles for regulating the activity of natural monopolies (in rail transport, telecommunication mains, transportation of electricity, oil, gas and other areas), uniform competition policy and assurance of nondiscriminatory access to and equal level of tariffs for services provided by natural monopolies.

Article 3

In compliance with the purposes and objectives referred to in articles 1 and 2 of the present Agreement, the Parties shall take the measures provided for by the Concept on the establishment of the Single Economic Space, which is attached to the present Agreement and is its inseparable part.

In order to implement the present Agreement, the Parties shall design the Main Action Plan for the establishment of the Single Economic Space

Article 4

Corresponding bodies whose structure is formed with allowance for the level of integration shall coordinate the processes of the establishment and operation of the SES.

The SES bodies shall be created on the basis of combining inter-state elements and principles of delegating a part of the Parties' powers to a single regulating body with the gradual enhancement of the latter's importance.

The Council of the Heads of States (hereinafter – CHS) shall ensure the coordination and management of the establishment and operation of the SES.

The number of votes of each member-state in the CHS shall be distributed by the principle of “one state – one vote.” The CHS decisions shall be made by consensus.

The Parties shall set up a single SES regulatory body, to which they shall delegate a part of their powers on the basis of international agreements. Its decisions shall be binding for execution by all the Parties.

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