

**TITLE I**  
**GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

**ARTICLE 2**

1. Respect for democratic principles, human rights and fundamental freedoms, as defined in particular in the Helsinki Final Act of 1975 of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Charter of Paris for a New Europe of 1990, and other relevant human rights instruments, among them the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of 1950, and respect for the principle of the rule of law shall form the basis of the domestic and external policies of the Parties and constitute essential elements of this Agreement.
2. Promotion of respect for the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity, inviolability of borders and independence also constitutes an essential element of this Agreement.
3. Cooperating and contributing to countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, related materials and their means of delivery through full compliance with, and national implementation of, the Parties' existing obligations under international disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and agreements and other relevant international obligations also constitutes an essential element of this Agreement.
4. The Parties reaffirm their respect for the principles set out in the Budapest Memorandum.
5. The Parties recognise that the principles of a free market economy and sustainable development underpin their relationship.
6. The Parties reaffirm their commitment to the rule of law, good governance, the fight against corruption, as well as the fight against the different forms of trans-national organised crime and terrorism.
7. The Parties shall develop their relations in strict observance of the principles of international law and in good faith.