

**DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN FREE  
TRADE AGREEMENT**

**No. 1/2010**

**on the Amendment to the Decision No.7/2007**

**Mandate of the Secretariat**

**Adopted on 12 November 2010**

The Joint Committee,

Having regard to Article 40.2 of Annex 1 to the Agreement on the Amendment of and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement, CEFTA 2006, (herein after called the "Agreement") done in Bucharest on 19 December 2006 and the Mandate of the Secretariat (Decision No.7/2007);

With the objective to ensure continuous and efficient functioning of the Secretariat,

Has decided to amend the Decision No.7/2007 adopted on 28 September 2007 (hereinafter referred to as: "Decision") as follows:

**Article 1**

In Article 2 of the Decision, paragraph 3 and 4 are replaced with new paragraphs 3 and 4 and shall read:

"3. The Director shall be appointed for an initial period of three (3) years. The Director is appointed by the decision of the Joint Committee. This appointment can be renewed by the Joint Committee up to a total period of service of six (6) years i.e. two mandates of three (3) years each."

"4. Staff other than the Director shall be appointed for an initial period of three (3) years. The contracts can be renewed by the Director on behalf of the CEFTA Parties up to a maximum of six (6) years in total duration."

**Article 2**

In Article 4 of the Decision, the last sentence of paragraph 2 is replaced and shall read:

"The percentage allocations among the Parties will be reviewed every three (3) years or in the case of accession of a Party to the Agreement in compliance with Article 49 of the Agreement or in the case of a Party's withdrawal from the Agreement in compliance with the Article 51 of the Agreement."

Paragraph 3 of Article 4 of the Decision is replaced with new paragraph 3 and shall read:

“3. Financial contributions from donors are foreseen for at least six (6) years.”

### **Article 3**

In Article 5 of the Decision, paragraph 2 and 3 are replaced with new paragraph 2 and shall read:

“2. The international legal status is defined by the Agreement on privileges and immunities of the Secretariat concluded between CEFTA Parties and the Kingdom of Belgium on 28 June 2008, granting the Secretariat the customary privileges and immunities enjoyed by representations of international governmental organisations, as well as full legal personality under Belgian law.”

Paragraph 4 of Article 5 of the Decision is amended and shall read:

“In order to enable its staff to enjoy the customary exemptions granted by the Belgium authorities to staff members of international governmental organisations, the Secretariat adopts appropriate internal procedures (e.g. personnel policies and procedures, introduction of a social security scheme).”

Former paragraph 4 and 5 of Article 5 of the Decision become new paragraph 3 and 4 respectively.

### **Article 4**

This decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Adopted in Belgrade on 12 November 2010 in the presence of representatives of

Republic of Albania

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Republic of Croatia

Republic of Macedonia

Republic of Moldova

Montenegro

Republic of Serbia

The United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on behalf of Kosovo  
in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244