

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The sixth regular meeting of the CEFTA Working Group on Trade in Services was held in Tirana on 6 November 2012, under the Chairmanship of Albania. The purpose of this meeting was the preparation for the Joint Committee meeting, further exploring the potential for the negotiations and drafting of the text of the Agreement on Trade in Services.

MAIN POINTS OF THE SIXTH MEETING

The Parties worked on the finalisation of the text of the Ministerial conclusions on the negotiations in services. After a short consultation, the text of the conclusions on services was agreed.

The members discussed the lists of preferred sectors submitted by each Party as well as the models proposed for the negotiation. The Chair invited Parties to send their applied status for each of the services presented in the combined list before 3 December.

The Parties dedicated their time to work on drafting the text of the Agreement on Trade in Services. Regarding the exact name of the document, it was agreed to use the term Protocol instead of Agreement since it is not considered as a new agreement but an upgrade of the existing one. The general remark of the Parties was that the preamble should be kept simple and the legal basis to the Agreement should be mentioned through Article 29 of CEFTA.
