

Dear Chair in Office, Deputy Ministers, Colleagues,

Kosovo as a part of CEFTA 2006 agreement as other parties has certain responsibilities. There are many positive aspects to the process. One of these benefits will primarily be free movement of goods and services. The purpose of CEFTA 2006 is creation of rules and mechanisms by which foreign trade is governed in the region. These rules have been harmonized with the principles of the EU and WTO.

Despite the commitment of all CEFTA 2006 Parties for the implementation of CEFTA 2006 Agreement and its provisions, Kosovo instead of having economic benefits and further trade liberalization is facing fundamental and crucial obstacles.

I would like to stress to all participants that from the beginning of implementation of the CEFTA 2006 Agreement Kosovo consistently has tried to find solution through CEFTA structures.

Unfortunately there is no solution for this important economic matter that is significance for Kosovo.

The fact that since the 3rd of December 2008, goods originating from the Kosovo stopped by some CEFTA members in contradiction to the spirit of the CEFTA Agreement.

Kosovo institutions have given the opportunity to relevant authorities to undertake necessary measures and actions in a way of resolving this serious problem. However, so far the situation remains unchanged.

It is wellknown and confirms by the international institutions that the Kosovo stamps are in accordance with the CEFTA provisions.

Government of Kosovo is interested in having the protocol signed and is seriously considering the issue, at the same time Kosovo wants to have the benefits from Agreement its rules and implemented by all members.

I would like to thank you for attention and,

Looking forward for cooperation.