DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN FREE

TRADE AGREEMENT

No. 2/2014

CEFTA Secretariat Staff – contract renewal

Adopted on 8 July 2014

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 Decision of the Joint Committee No.7/2007 adopted on 28 September 2007 (hereinafter referred to as: "Decision");

Recalling that CEFTA Structures should be actively involved in the implementation of the SEE 2020 Strategy and cooperate with other relevant regional initiatives,

Recalling the CEFTA Joint Committee's Ministerial Conclusions from 20 November 2013 acknowledge the involvement of CEFTA Structures in developing the *Integrated Growth* Pillar of the SEE Strategy 2020,

With the objective to ensure continuous and efficient functioning of the Secretariat and full implementation of the Agreement and the SEE Strategy 2020,

Has decided as follows:

Article 1

The Joint Committee extends the mandate of the current Director, Ms. Renata Vitez, until 31 December 2015.

The Joint Committee gives consent to renew contracts of staff other than the Director referred to in the Decision No 3/2010 for additional three (3) years until 31 December 2017.

Article 2

The Joint Committee mandates the Director to sign with staff referred to in Article 1 of this Decision contract renewal on behalf of CEFTA Parties by 21 July 2014.

Article 3

The decision No 3/2010 adopted on 12 November 2010 cease to be in effect as of the date of entry into force of this decision.

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

Adopted in Skopje on 8 July 2014 in the presence of representatives of all CEFTA Parties.