

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

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Financial contribution of CEFTA Parties to the Budget of the Secretariat

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 according to which "the Joint Committee will be supported by a permanent Secretariat" and the Joint Committee "will decide on the functions and administrative rules of the Secretariat";

Considering Article 4, Budget and cost sharing as stipulated in the Decision No.7/2007 on Mandate of the Secretariat, adopted in Ohrid on 28 September 2007,

Hereby adopts the following decision on financial contributions to the Budget of the Secretariat:

Article 1

Annual Budget

The annual Budget of the Secretariat amounts to 650,000 Euro in the period 1 September 2008 – 31 August 2011 (3 years).

Structure of the annual Budget shall be proposed by the Director and approved by the Joint Committee yearly.

Article 2

Financing Structure

The Parties contribution to the overall annual Budget of the Secretariat is fixed to 10% in year 1, to 30% in year 2 and to 50% in year 3, i.e. 65,000 Euro in year 1; 195,000 Euro in year 2; and 325,000 Euro in year 3.

Financial contributions from the donors represent 90% in year 1, 70% in year 2 and 50% in year 3 of the Secretariat's respective annual Budget.

Article 3

Parties' contributions

Individual Party contributions in the period 2008 – 2011 are as follows:

Individual Party contribution

Party	YEAR /(EURO)		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Republic of Albania	5,200	15,600	26,000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8,125	24,375	40,625
Republic of Croatia	16,250	48,750	81,250
Republic of Macedonia	7,150	21,450	35,750
Republic of Moldova	3,575	10,725	17,875
Montenegro	4,225	12,675	21,125
Republic of Serbia	16,250	48,750	81,250
The United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on behalf of Kosovo in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244	4,225	12,675	21,125

Article 4

Dynamics of payments

Year 1 to be defined from 1 September 2008 to 31 August 2009 (the following two years are defined accordingly), while Parties to pay their contributions not later than by 31 October of the current year.

This decision is adopted in Chisinau on 8 October 2008 in the presence of representatives

Republic of Albania

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Republic of Croatia

Republic of Macedonia

Republic of Moldova

Montenegro

Republic of Serbia

and will take effect on the date of written acceptance of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on behalf of Kosovo in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244

The day of entry into force shall be communicated to all Parties in written form by the Chair.