

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

No. 2/2016

CEFTA Secretariat Staff – contract extension

Adopted on 9 December 2016

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 gives consent to extend the contracts of staff whose contracts are expiring in February 2017 and December 2017 until 31 May 2018 with no possibility for further extension.

Article 2

The Joint Committee mandates the Chair in Office to sign with the Acting Director whose contract expires on 28 February 2017 an extension to the contract until 31 May 2018.

The Joint Committee mandates the Acting Director to sign by 28 February 2017 with the staff whose contracts are expiring on 31 December 2017 an extension to the employment contract until 31 May 2018.

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

Adopted in Podgorica on 9 December 2016 in the presence of representatives of all CEFTA Parties.