

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

Decision No 8/2014

Adopted on 21 November 2014

On the Amendment to the Decision No 8/2007

**Establishment of a Selection Committee for the Recruitment of the
CEFTA Secretariat's Director**

The Joint Committee

Having regard to the Agreement on Amendment of and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement done in Bucharest on 19 December 2006 (herein after called "Agreement") and the Decision No.8/2007 on Establishment of a Selection Committee for the Recruitment of the Director to the CEFTA Secretariat,

With the objective to ensure continuous and efficient functioning of the Secretariat,

Has decided to amend the Decision No.8/2007 as follows:

Article 1

The text of paragraph 2 of the Decision shall be replaced with new text and shall read:

"Hereby agrees, pursuant to Article 40.2 of the Agreement and to Decision No 7/2007 on the Mandate of the CEFTA Secretariat and Decision No 1/2013 on the Amendment to the Decision No. 7/2007 to establish a Selection Committee for the Recruitment of Staff to the CEFTA Secretariat"

The text of paragraph 4 of the Decision shall be replaced with new text and shall read:

Each Party will forward to the Chair in Office, the name and contact details of its member and deputy member to the Selection Committee not later than two months after the Joint Committee meeting decision for the recruitment of CEFTA Secretariat's Director is adopted.

Article 2

In the Annex to Decision 8/2007 Establishment of Selection Committee for the Recruitment of Staff to the CEFTA Secretariat Operational Procedures (hereinafter: Annex), point 2. after introductory sentence a new indent shall **be added** and reads as follows:

- "adopt the terms of reference and select the temporary independent external HR consultant to assist Selection Committee in the recruitment,"

Article 3

In the Annex point 3., the text of paragraph 3 shall be replaced with new text and shall read:

"The Selection Committee will be supported by the CEFTA Secretariat".

Article 4

In the Annex point 4., paragraph 2, the terms "the Director General of DG Trade." shall be replaced with the terms "the Director General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations".

Article 5

Paragraphs 4,5,6,7 shall be deleted.

A new indent shall be added and reads as follows:

"Travel and subsistence costs of the Selection Committee members/deputy members will be covered by the CEFTA Open Fund. Additionally, costs related to job advertisements in local newspapers will be covered by the respective Parties."

Other recruitment costs will be covered by the CEFTA Open Fund."

Article 6

In the Annex point 6 both sentences will be replaced by the following new sentence.

The Selection Committee will commence work at latest three months after the Joint Committee meeting decision for the recruitment of CEFTA Secretariat's Director is adopted and complete its work not later than one month before JC meeting at which the decision on the appointment of the new CEFTA Secretariat's Director shall be adopted.

This decision was adopted by all CEFTA Parties in the presence of their representatives, except by Bosnia and Herzegovina which made a reservation regarding (completion of) its internal procedure.

This decision enters into force on the date following the date of the receipt of the written communication (notice) with which Bosnia and Herzegovina confirms to the Chair in Office, that internal procedures for the adoption of this decision have been fulfilled.

Adopted in Skopje on 21 November 2014