

25 January 2007

COOPERATION AGREEMENT
**between the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic
Community and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe**

The Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community (IPA EurAsEC) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE),

Striving to promote deeper economic cooperation and integration processes within the UNECE and Euro-Asian regions,

Taking into account that all member States of EurAsEC are also member States of UNECE,

Taking further into account that both organisations have mandates from their member States and carry out activities in the areas of trade, transport, environment and housing,

Acknowledging the necessity of harmonization in the implementation by member States of internationally agreed norms, standards and legal instruments in the areas of trade facilitation, transport, environment and housing, in particular those agreed by States within the framework of UNECE,

Confident of the need for harmonizing national legislation and supporting member States in setting up an effective legal basis in the above-mentioned areas,

Have agreed as follows:

1. The Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community in cooperation with relevant UNECE Divisions will prepare and implement a programme of activities in support of the law-making work carried out by EurAsEC IPA which aims at improving trade, customs, transport and other relevant procedures and promoting economic cooperation, as well as the implementation of UNECE international legal instruments in the areas of trade, transport and environment, to which member States of EurAsEC are parties;
2. Under this programme the EurAsEC IPA, when necessary, could request support from UNECE to review and advise on whether draft legislation developed under the aegis of EurAsEC IPA complies with relevant UNECE internationally agreed norms, standards, regulations and international legal instruments. The EurAsEC IPA and UNECE, within its agreed programme of work, would

undertake consultations on such matters within available resources and agreed timeframes and on mutually beneficial terms.

3. The EurAsEC IPA and UNECE will regularly exchange recommendations, regulatory and legal acts, analytical reports and other official documentation, in order to ensure a comprehensive knowledge about each other's activities;
4. Representatives of EurAsEC IPA Permanent Commissions and UNECE Divisions will consult with each other on matters of mutual interest. If necessary, joint working groups at the level of experts may be set up on such matters subject to agreement of respective governing bodies of the EurAsEC IPA and UNECE, as appropriate.
5. By mutual agreement EurAsEC IPA and UNECE can organize joint events;
6. Representatives and experts of the EurAsEC IPA and UNECE will participate in conferences and other events organized by each of the Organizations when issues of mutual interest are being considered;
7. The Executive Secretary of the EurAsEC IPA and the Executive Secretary of UNECE or their representatives will meet for consultations when necessary in order to discuss matters of mutual interest.

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and for the duration of three years. At the end of the three-year term this agreement will be extended for the next three-year period, unless one of the parties objects to this.

The Agreement can be amended through additional protocols that would become an integral part of this agreement.

Done on _____ at _____ in duplicate, in the Russian and English languages, the two texts being equally authentic.

One copy of the Agreement is deposited with the Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community, another is deposited with the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

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