

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Eurasian
Economic Commission**

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Eurasian Economic Commission,
("the Parties"),

recognizing their desire to collaborate in order to improve regional economic cooperation,

emphasizing the importance of achieving the Millennium Development Goals as formulated in the
United Nations Millennium Declaration,

acknowledging the role of UNECE as a centre for the elaboration and implementation of United
Nations conventions, as well as norms, standards, recommendations and practical tools for transport,
environment, international trade, energy, statistics and other areas,

recognizing the role of the Eurasian Economic Commission in strengthening trade and economic
cooperation between the Member States of the Customs Union and the Single Economic Space and their
integration into the international trade system in the interests of sustainable development,

taking into account the experience and knowledge the Parties have accumulated in developing
integration processes in various areas,

using as a basis the provisions of the Agreement on the Eurasian Economic Commission signed
on 18 November 2011 and taking into account the principles and objectives, defined in the Declaration on
Eurasian Economic Integration signed on 18 November 2011,

confirming their commitment to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the
universally recognized principles and standards of international law,

using as a basis the principles of equity, transparency and reciprocity,

agree on the following:

1. The main objective of the present Memorandum is to strengthen collaboration between the Parties in the following fields:

- customs administration and regulations
- sectoral technical regulations
- trade
- macroeconomic policy
- energy policy
- transportation and logistics
- other areas of common interest.

2. Within the agreed framework, the Parties will seek to:

take measures to promote wider European economic cooperation and integration;

advance regulatory cooperation at regional and international levels, including by promoting common ways of managing risks related to products and production methods, in compliance with international practices;

promote trade-facilitation measures through capacity-building activities, particularly to support implementation of the Single Window mechanism;

organize joint events and studies contributing to greater harmonization of trade-information requirements and rules for data exchange and electronic documentation so as to align them with international standards;

organize joint research and capacity-building activities to harmonize and streamline customs and other border controls, i.e. border-crossing facilitation procedures, on the basis of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982;

cooperate for better implementation of the provisions of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), 1975;

collaborate in developing joint recommendations on the facilitation of customs transit by rail and road;

contribute to harmonizing regulations on the trade and reliable transit of energy resources;

promote innovative development and use of new technologies in the areas of their competence.

3. The Parties intend to cooperate within their areas of competencies, in particular by applying United Nations legal instruments in the following :

developing transport, including infrastructure and services, in order to increase transit and logistics potential and strengthen integration between countries;

increasing the competitive advantage of the transport market;

establishing the intellectual property market and development of innovative economy;

developing public-private cooperation and protecting business interests;

defining approaches for assessing the level of cooperation and integration;

applying best practice for cooperation in the field of technical regulation, including harmonizing standards and technical regulations, as well as mutually recognizing conformity assessment and test results;

preparing joint activities on methodological issues of common interest related to the implementation of international standards;

exchanging statistical data on timber trade;

developing electric energy, oil and gas markets.

4. The Parties will collaborate by means of:

exchanging information and best practices;

participating in various events organized by each other;

holding consultations, seminars, conferences, forums, round tables and other events;

preparing joint analytical reviews and other studies, including educational materials and curricula.

5. The Parties may create the programmes of cooperation and plans to implement joint activities. The terms, procedures and budget of joint activities will be agreed by the Parties in each specific case.
6. The present Memorandum is not an international treaty and does not establish any rights or obligations under international law. It also does not impose any financial obligations on its Parties. It applies from the date of its signature by the Parties. Either Party may terminate the Memorandum by issuing written notice to the other Party. The termination becomes effective three months after notice is received by the other Party. Amendments to the Memorandum will be made by mutual agreement of the Parties through the signature of a pertinent protocol that will become an integral part of the Memorandum.

Signed on _____ “ ____ ” _____ 2013, in two copies, each copy in English and Russian, both texts equally authentic and having the same legal force.

**For the United Nations Economic
Commission for Europe**

**For the Eurasian Economic
Commission**