

**GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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**Outline Format for a Memorandum on the Foreign Trade Régime**

**Proposal by the Chairman of the Council**

- I. **Introduction** (brief description of the goals of the economic policy)
  
- II. **Economy and foreign trade**
  1. **Economy:**
    - (a) general description (territory, population, economic specialization, main economic indicators),
    - (b) main directions of the ongoing economic policies, tactical and strategical goals of the economic policies including information on pricing policy, economic development plans, privatization plans etc.;
    - (c) current economic situation;
  2. **Foreign Trade:** foreign trade balance, volume of trade, exports and imports, structure of trade, trade by geographic areas and dynamics of trade;
  
- III **Foreign trade regime**
  1. **Import regulation:**
    - (a) the evolution of the customs tariff regulation;
    - (b) customs tariff nomenclature, types of duties, general description of the customs tariff structure, weighted average level of duties on main customs tariff groupings;
    - (c) import charges and fees;
    - (d) taxation régime;
    - (e) tariff preferences;
    - (f) non-tariff measures, quotas and licensing system;
    - (g) customs valuation;
    - (h) rules of origin;
    - (i) customs formalities;
    - (j) standards and certification;
    - (k) sanitary and phytosanitary measures;
  2. **Export regulations:**
    - (a) customs tariff nomenclature, types of duties, customs tariff structure, weighted average level of duties on main customs tariff groupings;

- (b) export licensing system;
  - (c) other measures.
3. Export incentives.
4. Regulations of trade in transit.
- IV. Other policies affecting foreign trade
- (1) industrial policy;
  - (2) agricultural policy;
  - (3) financial, budgetary and fiscal policy;
  - (4) foreign exchange and payments system, relations with International Monetary Fund;
  - (5) foreign investment policy;
  - (6) government procurement;
  - (7) state trading enterprises;
  - (8) free trade zones;
  - (9) services: banking and insurance system, securities, telecommunications, etc.;
  - (10) protection of intellectual property rights
- V. Institutional base for trade and economic relations with third countries
- (1) brief description of the bilateral trade and economic agreements and integration agreements;
  - (2) multilateral economic cooperation, membership in the multilateral economic organizations.
- VI. Laws and legal acts<sup>1</sup>
- (1) laws and legal acts regulating the activity of the customs authorities; responsible agencies;
  - (2) laws and legal acts relating to non-tariff regulation of imports, exports and trade in transit, rules of origin, responsible agencies;
  - (3) laws and regulations relating to foreign investment, responsible agencies;
- VII. Statistics and publications
- (1) foreign trade statistics, responsible agencies;
  - (2) publications related to statistics.

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<sup>1</sup>The full legal texts will be reproduced in Annex 2.

- Annex 1. List of trade agreements with third countries.
- Annex 2. Laws and regulations.
- Annex 3. Statistical data:
- (a) main economic indicators:
    - GNP;
    - GNP per capita;
    - budget;
    - production and consumption of the basic goods;
    - annual changes in prices;
    - employment in different industrial sectors;
    - level of unemployment;
    - balance of payments;
    - foreign exchange.
  - (b) foreign trade statistics:
    - foreign trade (aggregates);
    - export statistics;
    - import statistics;
    - tariff line level with main suppliers;
    - trade by geographic areas (main trade partners).