

PROTOCOL

to the Interim Agreement leading to formation of a free trade area between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, of the other part, of 17 May 2018

The Eurasian Economic Union (hereinafter referred to as “the EAEU”) and the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as “the EAEU Member States”), of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as “I.R. Iran”), of the other part:

DESIRING to extend the duration of the Interim Agreement leading to formation of a free trade area between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, of the other part, done at Astana, on 17th day of May 2018, corresponding to 27th day of Ordibehesht of 1397 of Iranian Calendar (hereinafter referred to as “the Interim Agreement”);

REAFFIRMING their joint decision to establish a free trade area between them and that the extension of the duration of the Interim Agreement shall not affect the ongoing negotiations on relevant agreement;

GUIDED by paragraph 4 of Article 1.3 of the Interim Agreement;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

1. Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Interim Agreement the duration of the Interim Agreement shall be extended until 27th day of October 2025, corresponding to 5th day of Aban 1404 of Iranian Calendar, or until the agreement on a free trade area as referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 1.3 of the Interim Agreement enters into force whichever occurs first.

2. The agreement on a free trade area referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 1.3 of the Interim Agreement shall be concluded in no later than six years from the date of entry into force of the Interim Agreement.

Article 2

This Protocol shall enter into force 10 days from the date of receipt of the last written notification certifying that the EAEU Member States and I.R. Iran have completed their respective internal legal procedures required by national law, including the adoption of a decision on the expression of consent of the EAEU to be bound by an international treaty between the EAEU and a third party in accordance with Article 7 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014. Such notifications shall be made between the Eurasian Economic Commission and I.R. Iran.

Done at Tehran, on this 14th day of March 2022, corresponding to 23th day of Esfand of 1400 of Iranian Calendar, in two originals in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Republic of Armenia

For the Republic of Belarus

For the Republic of Kazakhstan

For the Kyrgyz Republic

For the Russian Federation

For the Eurasian Economic Union

For the Islamic Republic of Iran

