

AGREEMENT
on Cooperation between
the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of
Independent States
and
the International Organization for Migration

The Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (further on the IPA CIS), represented by the Chairperson of the IPA CIS Council, Valentina Ivanovna Matvienko, and the International Organization for Migration (further on IOM), represented by the Director General, William Lacy Swing, hereinafter called Parties;

Taking into consideration that one of the main goals of the Commonwealth of Independent States is to effect cooperation in political, economic, ecological and humanitarian areas on the basis of generally recognized principles and norms of international legislation and one of IOM's functions is to support economic and social development through facilitation of migration;

In accordance with the Convention of Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (of 1995) and IOM Constitution (1951) and IOM strategy;

Acknowledging that abiding the norms of international law in development of the national legislation may have crucial significance in ensuring stable social-economic development of the CIS member states and their public welfare and for the process of harmonization of legislation in the CIS states;

Desiring to facilitate development of the CIS member states' economic and social potential based on IPA CIS experience in the migration sphere and IOM's experience in the migration sphere;

Hereby agreed as follows:

Article 1

The purpose of this Agreement is to combine the Parties' efforts and experience to create conditions for co-operation in the area of CIS demographic and migration policies development, including labour resources development, migration-related topics and harmonization of CIS legislation in accordance with international law, respecting the rights of migrants.

Article 2

Within the respective mandates and subject to the availability of resources, the parties consider the following areas of cooperation for realization of this Agreement:

- Use IOM’s international experience in the area of capacity building in managing temporary and permanent migration flows in the CIS member states;
- Discussion of migration policies within the plenary sessions of the IPA CIS and regular meetings of the IPA CIS’s commissions;
- Common projects will include: development of model legislative acts for the CIS member states, facilitation to the ratification process by the parliaments of the CIS member states of international treaties and agreements in the area of migration, initiation and organization of international conferences and workshops, securing efficient information channels, supporting contacts between representatives of the national CIS parliaments and their counterparts in other countries of the world, arranging research and counseling, publishing, training and education;
- Support exchange of legal information between the CIS member states regarding CIS migration policy;
- Mutual updates of the Parties’ planned activities and invitations for participation thereof;
- Facilitated dialogue between law-makers and governments, businesses and public of the CIS member states through joined projects and events organized by the IPA CIS and the IOM.

The Parties may wish to broaden cooperation as necessary.

Article 3

Cooperation within the frameworks of the present Agreement should be conditioned by the following:

- cooperation is based on the free will and common interests;
- preferred modalities and priorities for cooperation and implementation of common projects, appointment of in-charge executives and adjustment of the Parties’ actions within the frameworks of the present Agreement will be carried out on the principles of mutual consent of the Parties;

– Parties will implement joint projects on the basis of additional agreements which would reflect terms of participation of the Parties in such projects as well as expenses endured by each of the Parties.

Article 4

1. The present Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and comes into effect upon signature thereof by the Parties.

2. Amendments and additions may be entered by mutual agreement in the form of protocols in writing between the Parties and become an integral part of this Agreement.

3. This Agreement may be terminated by six months written notice to the other party.

4. Nothing in this Agreement affects the privileges and immunities of the IPA CIS as an international organization and of the IOM as an intergovernmental organization.

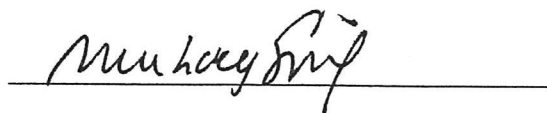
Signed in the city of St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, on the 17th of May 2012 in four copies (two in Russian and two in English), each having equal legal effect.

Chairperson of the Council of the
Interparliamentary Assembly
of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of
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