

**PROTOCOL OF INTENT**  
**Between the Interparliamentary Assembly**  
**of the Commonwealth of Independent States,**  
**the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly**  
**of the Russian Federation and the European Bank**  
**for Reconstruction and Development**

The Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States (the “CIS Interparliamentary Assembly”), the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (the “Federation Council”) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the “European Bank”)

*Noting* the importance of improving forms of international cooperation in the economic, humanitarian, legal and other fields,

*Expressing* their desire to contribute to the continuing process of democratisation and to the success of market reforms in transition countries,

*Taking into consideration* the fact that, as the inter-State organ of the Commonwealth, the CIS Interparliamentary Assembly has been entrusted *inter alia* with the authority to adopt model legislative acts for the purpose of achieving standardisation and convergence of national legal systems, and that through its activities the European Bank promotes the transition towards open market-oriented economies and private and entrepreneurial initiative in countries committed to and applying the principles of multiparty democracy, pluralism and market economics.

*Attaching particular importance* to the discussion of regional and geopolitical economic development issues within the framework of the annual St Petersburg Economic Forum, which is held under the auspices of the CIS Interparliamentary Assembly and the Federation Council,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. To collaborate on the preparation and organisation of events as part of the programme of the annual St Petersburg Economic Forum.
2. To hold consultations and exchange information regularly on issues of mutual interest.
3. To organise and hold joint conferences, seminars and round tables on issues of mutual interest, in accordance with the aims of this Protocol.

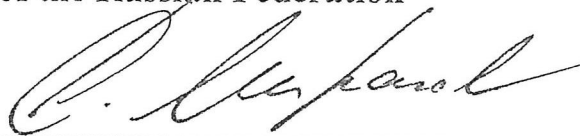
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OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**Chairman of the Council  
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