

AGREEMENT
**between the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of
Independent States and the Government of the Russian Federation on
the conditions of stay of the Executive Committee of the Electric
Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the
territory of the Russian Federation**

The Government of the Russian Federation and the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

based on the Coordination Agreement of Interstate Relations in the Field of Power Sector of the Commonwealth of Independent States of February 14, 1992 and the Decision of the Economic Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the Regulation on the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States from 11 March 2005,

guided by the General Regulation on Interstate (Intergovernmental) bodies of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Model Agreement of the Interstate (Intergovernmental) body of the Commonwealth of Independent States with the state of location on the conditions of its stay, approved by the Decision of the Council of Heads of Government of the Commonwealth of Independent States on October 21, 1994,

in order to create favorable conditions for the activities of the Executive Committee of the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the territory of the Russian Federation,

considering that the location The Executive Committee of the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States is Moscow (Russian Federation),
agreed on the following:

Article 1

The terms used in this Agreement mean the following:

"Executive Committee" - the Executive Committee of the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States, established on the basis of Article 5 of the Agreement on the coordination of interstate relations in the field of power sector of the Commonwealth of Independent States on February 14, 1992, is the working body of the Electric Power Council, acting on the basis of the Charter, approved by the Decision of the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States on April 21, 1994 ;

"Relevant authorities" - federal bodies of state power, bodies of state power of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation, local authorities;

"Employees" - persons working as specialists in the Executive Committee on the basis of labor contracts concluded with them (except for technical and maintenance personnel);

"Premises of the Executive Committee" - buildings or parts of buildings used by the Executive Committee for the implementation of its official purposes, as well as land on which these buildings or parts of buildings are located;

“Archives of the Executive Committee” - documents, records, correspondence and other materials, including manuscripts and photographs, films, sound recordings, computer programs, videotapes and video discs, other media containing information owned or possessed by the Executive Committee;

“Property of the Executive Committee” - property, including funds and other assets, owned by the Executive Committee and used to carry out its official functions.

Article 2

1. The Executive Committee on the territory of the Russian Federation has the legal capacity necessary to achieve its goals and objectives, and may, in particular:

- a) Conclude contracts;
- b) Acquire property and dispose of it;
- c) Speak in court;
- d) Open and maintain accounts in any currency;
- d) Have a cost estimate for the implementation of its activities.

2. The Executive Committee is not entitled to carry out commercial activities.

Article 3

The Russian Party shall assist the Executive Committee in providing the office premises necessary for the performance of its functions, on the conditions established for the federal executive bodies of the Russian Federation.

The procedure, conditions of ownership and use of the office premises and land plots provided to the Executive Committee are determined by separate agreements between the relevant authorities and the Executive Committee

Article 4

The property of the Executive Committee enjoys immunity against any form of administrative or judicial intervention, unless the Executive Committee waives immunity.

The premises of the Executive Committee, regardless of location, are not subject to search, requisition, confiscation or interference in any other form that impedes its normal operation.

The premises of the Executive Committee cannot serve as a refuge for persons prosecuted under the laws of the Russian Federation or subject to extradition to a foreign state.

The inviolability of the premises of the Executive Committee does not give the right to use them for purposes incompatible with the functions or tasks of the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States or that damage the security of the Russian Federation and the interests of its citizens and legal entities

Article 5

The archives of the Executive Committee are inviolable.

The documentation of the Executive Committee, including official correspondence, is not subject to censorship. This immunity applies to print, photographic, audiovisual and other forms of information received or sent by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee enjoys no less favorable conditions with respect to priority, tariffs and rates of postal, telegraph, telex, facsimile, telephone and electronic communications, as well as tariffs for information for the press and radio than those conditions used by international organizations on the territory of the Russian Federation.

The Executive Committee has the right to use ciphers, courier and other forms of communication that ensure the confidentiality of the transmission of information, in the manner and on conditions no less favorable than those used by international organizations on the territory of the Russian Federation.

Article 6

The Executive Committee is exempt from all types of taxes, fees, duties and other payments levied on the territory of the Russian Federation, with the exception of those that represent a fee for specific types of services.

Items and other property intended for official use by the Executive Committee are exempted from the customs duties, taxes and related charges in the Russian Federation, with the exception of charges for storage, customs clearance outside the designated places or outside the working hours of the corresponding customs authority and service similar in the manner prescribed for international organizations.

In the event of the alienation of said property, customs payments shall be levied in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Article 7

The Executive Committee provides social and medical insurance for employees in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation on compulsory social and medical insurance, which does not prevent the voluntary participation of Executive Committee employees in social and medical insurance systems of other countries.

Article 8

Pension benefits for the employees of the Executive Committee are carried out in the manner and on the conditions determined by the legislation of the state of which they are citizens or where they permanently reside.

Article 9

Employees of the Executive Committee may not combine work in the Executive Committee with other paid work and engage in activities incompatible with the performance of their official duties, except for scientific, teaching and other creative activities, and the income received by them is declared and taxes are paid from them in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Article 10

The employees of the Executive Committee are not subject to the jurisdiction of the judicial or administrative bodies of the Russian Federation with respect to acts committed in the direct performance of their official functions, unless:

- a) A civil suit has been brought against the employee for damages in connection with an accident caused by a vehicle driven by this person, if this damage cannot be compensated for by the insurance payment;
- b) The employee is sued for damages caused to the life and health of the individual caused by the action or inaction of this employee;
- c) A counterclaim has been brought against the employee directly related to the civil lawsuit brought by that employee.

Article 11

The Executive Committee recognizes the right of access to their office premises of representatives of relevant state bodies according to official certificates.

The employees of the executive committee under official acts are granted the right of access to state bodies, as well as to institutions, organizations and enterprises of the Russian Federation in the manner established by these bodies, institutions, organizations and enterprises.

Article 12

The Executive Committee may fly the flag and place the emblem of the Commonwealth of Independent States on its buildings, as well as hang the flags of the member states of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The emblem of the Commonwealth of Independent States may be installed on official vehicles of the Executive Committee.

Article 13

By agreement of the Parties, this Agreement may be amended and supplemented by separate protocols.

Disagreements related to the interpretation and application of this Agreement will be resolved through negotiations between the Parties.

Article 14

The Executive Committee and its employees enjoying the privileges and immunities provided for in this Agreement are required to respect the laws of the Russian Federation.

Article 15

Upon termination of the activities of the Executive Committee on the territory of the Russian Federation after the settlement of all property and non-property relations in the Russian Federation to which the Executive Committee is a party, this Agreement shall cease to be in force.

Article 16

This Agreement is temporarily applied from the date of its signing and comes into force from the date of receipt by the Executive Committee of a written notice on the implementation by the Russian Party of domestic procedures necessary for its entry into force.

Done at Moscow on September 14, 2005 in two original copies in the Russian language. One copy is kept in the archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the other in the archives of the Executive Committee.

For the CIS Electric Power Council



For the Government of the Russian Federation

