

AGREEMENT
on Coordination of Intergovernmental Activities in the Power Industry
of the Commonwealth of Independent States

The governments of Azerbaijan Republic, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Republic of Uzbekistan, Ukraine

basing on the Decision of the Heads of Governments of February 8, 1992,

taking into account special role of the power industry in the economy and social development of the states,

realizing the advantages of parallel operation of the power stations and the member-states interconnected power systems,

being confident in the existence of mutual interest in effective solution of the power supply problems, security of power, and especially, nuclear projects and environment protection,

realizing liabilities under intergovernmental agreements and striving to support willingness of the states for cooperation based on mutual respect and trust

consider

that the basis for coordination of intergovernmental relations in the power industry is the Agreement on parallel operation grounded on the principles of equality, mutual advantages and non-interference in the matters of domestic governance of the power systems of the Parties under the Agreement

signed the present Agreement as follows.

Article 1

Electric Power Council

Having the objective to hold integrated and coordinated actions aimed at provision of sustainable and reliable power supply to the economy and people of the countries based on effective functioning of the interconnected power systems the state establish the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States (hereinafter referred to as "The CIS EPC").

The Electric Power Council comprises heads of the management bodies of the power industry being plenipotentiary representatives of the CIS EPC member-states.

Article 2

Functions

2.1. Definition of acceptable principles of work in the interconnected power systems.

2.2. Participation in preparation of the coordinated intergovernmental agreements on mutual supplies of power and fuel for power stations on the basis of prospective balances of

power, capacities and fuel taking into account market conjuncture of cross border power and capacity flows.

2.3. Arrangement of mutual aid in carrying out power supply to the consumers and providing sustainable operation of the interconnected power systems in emergency situations and extreme conditions.

2.4. Coordination of elaboration and implementation jointly with the governments of the strategy of the power industry development within fuel and energy complex and of the programs of the interconnected power systems development.

2.5. Coordination of intergovernmental scientific programs and design projects in the power and heat supply, new technologies and technique.

2.6. Assistance to the Parties of the Agreement in organization of intergovernmental supplies of material and technical resources, power equipment, spare parts, protection mechanisms, devices, civil structures for operational and repair needs of the operating power projects and construction of the new power sources.

2.7. Preparing recommendations for setting tariffs of cross-border supplies of power and capacity.

2.8. Approval of the norms and rules of the power projects operation and construction. Approval of the common international space in the power industry and power construction according to the common international standards.

Organization of joint participation in the international meetings and international power organizations.

2.10. Coordination of the elaboration jointly with the manufacturers of the new power equipment and also intergovernmental modernization programs of the new operating equipment, heat and power networks and governing control systems and connection.

2.11. Agreeing on joint ecological programs in the power industry.

2.12. Approval of common rules of control and accounting in the power industry needed for taking joint decisions.

2.13. Elaboration of recommendations on power supply in the power industry and introduction of alternative power sources.

Article 3

The Electric Power Council Governing Bodies

The Electric Power Council is headed by the President and Vice-President to be appointed by the CIS EPC for a one-year period on the rotation basis under the agreed order out of the first heads of the power industries of the CIS states.

Residence of the President of the Electric Power Council is the capital of the state he represents.

Article 4

Work Organization

The Electric Power Council meets not less than twice a year.

An extraordinary meeting of the Electric Power Council can be conducted either upon the decision of the President or upon the proposal of at least three CIS EPC members.

The Electric Power Council meetings are conducted in the capital of the state whose leader of the power industry heads the Electric Power Council.

Article 5

Working body and its Functions

The working body of the Electric Power Council is the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is headed by the Chairman to be appointed by the Electric Power Council.

The Executive Committee is accountable to the Electric Power Council

The Chairman of the Executive Committee is responsible for preparation of documents required to the Electric Power Council meetings and participates of these meetings.

The structure, number, budget and form of labour payment of the personnel of the Executive Committee are to be approved by the Electric Power Council.

The personalities of the staff of the Executive Committee within the structure and budget approved by the Electric Power Council are to be defined by its Chairman.

Work of the executive body of the Electric Power Council is focused on preparation of relevant documents ensuring the Electric Power Council functioning and is carried on under a special plan to be approved by the Chairman.

The office of the Executive Committee is located in Moscow.

Article 6

Financing

Financing the Electric Power Council activities and its working bodies is made out of contributions of the power associations (companies), power systems of the states on equal basis.

Collective funds may be formed under the Electric Power Council.

The way of formation and use of the funds is to be approved by the Electric Power Council.

Article 7

Dispatching

Relationship of the states power systems with the Central Dispatching management body is regulated by special agreements to be concluded in accordance with the Agreement on organization of the dispatching management.

Article 8

Responsibility of the Parties

The states bear mutual responsibility for infringement of the liabilities stipulated by the present Agreement.

The Electric Power Council bears responsibility before each state for fulfillment of the functions stipulated by Article 2 hereunder.

Article 9

Coming into Force

The present Agreement comes into force from the day of its signature and is valid for an indefinite period. The Agreement may be supplemented or modified upon the consent of all the Parties.

Article 10

Denouncement

In case an interest arise to cease relations under the present Agreement any of the states informs the Electric Power Council accordingly.

Upon expiration of a one-year period the Party having made the application ceases to bear any responsibilities under the present Agreement.

Article 11

Accession

Other states may join to the present Agreement by applying to the Electric Power Council with a relevant request coming into force after getting permission of all the signatories to the Agreement.

Article 12

Official and working languages

The official languages of the Electric Power Council are the languages of the states.
The working language of the Electric Power Council is Russian.

Committed in Minsk on February 14, 1992 in one copy in the Russian language.

The authentic copy is kept at the Archives of the Government of the Republic of Belarus that will forward the certified copy of the Agreement to the Parties.

(Signatures)