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**LITHUANIA,
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
and
EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY**

Agreement on trade and commercial and economic cooperation. Signed at Brussels on 11 May 1992

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Registered by Lithuania on 11 December 1996.

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Accord concernant le commerce et la coopération commerciale et économique. Signé à Bruxelles le 11 mai 1992

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA, OF
THE ONE PART, AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMU-
NITY AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY,
OF THE OTHER PART, ON TRADE AND COMMERCIAL AND
ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,

hereinafter called "Lithuania", of the one part, and

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

AND

THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY,

hereinafter together called the "Community", of the other
part,

CONSIDERING the importance of establishing and expanding trade links between
the Community and Lithuania;

DESIROUS of creating favourable conditions for a substantial and harmonious
development and diversification of trade and the promotion of commercial and
economic co-operation in areas of mutual interest on the basis of equality,
non-discrimination, mutual benefit and reciprocity;

AWARE of the particular importance of foreign trade and other forms of
international economic co-operation for the economic and social development of
each of the Contracting Parties;

AWARE of the importance of giving full effect to all the provisions and
principles of the CSCE process, and in particular those set out in the
Helsinki Final Act,² the concluding documents of the Madrid,³ Vienna⁴ and
Copenhagen meetings, and those of the Charter of Paris for a new Europe⁵
particularly with regard to the rule of law, democracy and human rights, as
well as those of the Bonn CSCE Conference on Economic Co-operation;⁶

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1993 by notification, in accordance with article 21.

² *International Legal Materials*, vol. XIV (1975), p. 1292 (American Society of International Law).

³ *Ibid.*, vol. XXII (1983), p. 1395 (American Society of International Law).

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. XXVIII (1989), p. 527 (American Society of International Law).

⁵ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session*, document A/45/859, p. 3.

⁶ *International Legal Materials*, vol. XXIX, No. 4 (1990), p. 1054 (American Society of International Law).

RECOGNIZING the importance of guaranteeing the rights of ethnic and national groups and minorities, in accordance with the undertakings made within the context of the CSCE;

AWARE of the importance of strengthening their democratic institutions and of supporting the process of economic reform in Lithuania;

BELIEVING that a further impetus should be given to the trading and economic relationship between the Community and Lithuania by establishing contractual links which will contribute to progress towards the objective of an association agreement in due course, when conditions are met, and to further development of relations between them;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the favourable implications for trade and economic co-operation between the Contracting Parties of reform under way in Lithuania;

HAVE DECIDED to conclude this Agreement and to this end have designated as their Plenipotentiaries:

THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA:

Algirdas SAUDARGAS,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

João de Deus PINHEIRO,
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic,
President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities,

Frans ANDRIESSEN,
Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities,

THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY:

Frans ANDRIESSEN,
Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities,

WHO, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE I

General

ARTICLE 1

Respect for the democratic principles and human rights established by the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris for a New Europe inspires the domestic and external policies of the Community and Lithuania and constitutes an essential element of the present agreement.

ARTICLE 2

Within the framework of their respective laws and regulations, the Contracting Parties undertake to facilitate and promote:

- the harmonious development and diversification of trade between them;
- the development of various types of commercial and economic co-operation.

They therefore confirm their resolve to consider favourably, each for its own part, suggestions made by the other Party with a view to attaining these aims.

TITLE II

Trade and commercial co-operation

ARTICLE 3

1. This Agreement shall apply to trade in all products originating in the Community and in Lithuania with the exception of products covered by the

Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community¹ and of the textiles and apparel covered by Section XI of the Harmonized System.²

2. The provisions of this Agreement may be supplemented if necessary by sectoral agreements or arrangements concluded between the Community and Lithuania. In particular, a separate agreement for textile products will be negotiated.

ARTICLE 4

Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, trade and other commercial co-operation between the Contracting Parties shall be conducted in accordance with their respective regulations.

ARTICLE 5

1. The Contracting Parties shall accord each other most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters regarding:

- customs duties and charges of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation,
- the method of levying such duties and charges,
- all rules and formalities in connection with importation and exportation, including provisions relating to customs clearance, transit, warehousing and transshipment,
- taxes and other internal charges levied directly or indirectly on imported products,
- methods of payment and the transfer of such payments,
- the regulations affecting the sale, purchase, transport, distribution and use of goods on the domestic market.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 261, p. 140.

² See "International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System", United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1503, p. 3.