

DECISION OF THE JOINT EGYPT-EFTA COMMITTEE

No. 1 of 2008

(Adopted at the first meeting on 4 November 2008)

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF
THE JOINT EGYPT-EFTA COMMITTEE

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to paragraph 3 of Article 38 of the Agreement between the the Arab Republic of Egypt and the EFTA States,

ADOPTS the following rules of procedure:

Article 1

The Joint Committee shall consist of representatives from the Contracting Parties, as determined by them, and shall be chaired jointly by a representative from the Arab Republic of Egypt and a representative from the EFTA States.

Article 2

The Joint Committee shall convene regularly, at least every two years, and the meetings shall take place alternately in Cairo and Geneva on a mutually agreed upon date. At a written request of any Party, an extraordinary session of the Joint Committee shall be held within 30 days.

Article 3

A provisional Agenda for each meeting shall be prepared by the hosting Party after consultation and agreement with the other Parties and sent to them no later than two weeks before the meeting. Any Party may propose the inclusion of any item related to the Agreement in the provisional agenda of the Joint Committee meeting.

Article 4

A summary record of the deliberations and the decisions taken at each meeting shall be made and circulated by the hosting Party to the other Parties for approval in writing; it shall be approved at the latest eight weeks after its receipt. Decisions of the Joint Committee shall bear a number and a title referring to their subject matter.

Article 5

The Secretary-General of EFTA or his representatives may attend all meetings of the Joint Committee.

Article 6

The Joint Committee may take decisions in the cases provided for in the Agreement. On other matters the Joint Committee may make recommendations. It shall act by common agreement.

Article 7

Decisions shall be agreed with the signature of the representatives of the Parties.

Article 8

Where a matter is urgent and a meeting cannot be held, or under other special circumstances, the Joint Committee may take decisions or make recommendation by a written procedure. In such cases, the representative of the Party making the proposal shall deliver a draft decision of recommendations to the other Parties for consideration.

Article 9

States acceding to the Agreement which have not yet deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or accession or for whom the Agreement has not entered into force may attend all meetings of the Joint Committee as observers without the right to take part in decisions.

Article 10

The Joint Committee may decide to set up sub-committees and working groups, as it considers necessary to assist it in accomplishing its tasks.

Article 11

Unless the Joint Committee decides otherwise, the meetings shall not be public.

Article 12

The working language of the Joint Committee is English.

Article 13

The Rules of Procedure shall enter into force on the date of signature.

Done at Geneva on 4 November 2008, in two originals in the English language.

For the Republic of Iceland

For the Arab Republic of Egypt

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For the Principality of Liechtenstein

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For the Kingdom of Norway

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For the Swiss Confederation

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