## Intergovernmental commissions coordinated by the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of RA

## The Armenian-Belarusian Intergovernmental Commission

The Armenian-Belarusian Intergovernmental Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation have been established according to the Agreement "On Free Trade between Governments of RA and BR" signed on 18 January 2000. The co-chairman of the Commission from Armenian side is Mr. Nerses Yeritsyan - Minister of Trade and Economic Development of RA, and from the Belarusian side is Mr. Zaichenko - the Minister of Architecture and Construction of BR.

The new staff of Armenian part of Intergovernmental Commission was adopted by the N 944-A decision of the Prime Minister of RA on 30 November 2005.

The first Commission session was held in Minsk on 18-20 January 2000, the second took place in Yerevan on 30-31 October 2000, the third and forth sessions were held in Minsk on 27 April 2001 and on 28-30 October 2002. The fifth in Yerevan on 6-7 October 2003 and the last sixth in Minsk on 21-22 October 2004.

During the sixth session were discussed issues that are of interest to both sides. In particular:

- strengthening of "BelAr Trade House" CJSC activity
- development of cooperation between the business Communities of Armenia and Belarus
- working out measures for increasing goods turnover
- promotion of further cooperation on perspective fields of Armenia and Belarus such as sport, tourism, energy, transport, agriculture and others

As a result of the 6th session, besides the Protocol were signed also the following documents:

- Agreement on "Trade-Economic, scientific-technical and cultural cooperation between Syunik Marz of RA and Minsk Regional Executive Committee of BR"
- Program on cultural cooperation between Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs of RA and Ministry of Culture of BR in 2005-2007.

## The Armenian-Ukrainian Intergovernmental Commission

The Armenian-Ukrainian Intergovernmental Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation have been established on the basis of the Agreement "On Free Trade between the Governments of the Republic of Armenia and Ukraine" signed on 7 October 1994. The Commission co-chairman from Armenian side is Mr. Nerses Yeritsyan - Minister of Trade and Economic Development of RA.

The new staff of Armenian part of the Armenian-Ukrainian Intergovernmental Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation was adopted by the N 302-A decree of the Prime Minister of RA on 7 May 2004.

The first Commission session was held in Kiev on 20 July 1999, the second took place in Yerevan on 20 February 2001, and the third in Kiev on 11-13 May 2004.

During the second session were done some arrangements concerning the directions of cooperation. In particular, were discussed the present trade economic situation between two countries the possibilities of cooperation in sectors of industry, transport, tourism and energy as well as fields of tax and customs, science and education, health and culture.

## The Armenian-Austrian Intergovernmental Commission

The Armenian-Austrian Intergovernmental Commission has been established according to the Agreement on foreign economic relations between the Governments of the Republic of Armenia and Austria, signed on 26 April 1994. The Commission co-chairman from Armenian side is Mr. V. Danielyan - Deputy Minister of Trade and Economic Development of RA, and from the Austrian side is Mr. J. Sachs - General Director on Foreign Economic Relations of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Labor of Austria.

The first Commission session was held in Vienna on 27 February 2002.

The second session of the Armenian-Austrian joint Commission on Trade-Economic and Scientific-Technical cooperation between Armenia and Austria was held in Yerevan on 21-24 August 2005.

The third session of the Commission was held in Vienna on 7 March 2007.

During the session were discussed the general situations of the economic cooperation between the two countries, current issues, as well as new means of further bilateral economic cooperation. In particular: in IT, SME, Tourism, Trainings and Banking services sphere.

As a result of session was signed the Protocol of the third session of the Armenian-Austrian joint Commission on Trade-Economic and Scientific-Technical cooperation between the Republic of Armenia and Austria.