MEMORANDUM
of Understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the East African Community Competition Authority in the sphere of Competition Policy and Law Enforcement

The Eurasian Economic Commission and the East African Community Competition Authority and, hereinafter collectively referred to as the Parties,

RECOGNIZING the role of the Eurasian Economic Commission acting under the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union dated May 29, 2014 in detection and elimination of anti-competitive behavior on the territories of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States and actions producing a negative impact on competition in transboundary markets on the territory of two or more Eurasian Economic Union Member States,

RECOGNIZING the role of the East African Community Competition Authority acting under the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community (Treaty) signed on 30th November, 1999, Protocol on the Establishment of the EAC Customs Union, 2004, Protocol on the Establishment of the EAC Common Market, 2010, and the EAC Competition Act, 2006 in promoting and protecting competition in the EAC Common Market, in monitoring, investigating, detecting, making determinations or taking action to prevent, prohibit and/or penalise undertakings whose businesses appreciably restrains competition within the EAC Common Market with respect to trade between EAC Partner States,

EXPRESSING the intention to promote cooperation in the field of competition,

HIGHLIGHTING the role of competition in promoting effective development of the economy,

AIMING at creation of favorable conditions for development of relationship between the Parties,

RELYING on the principles of equality and mutually beneficial cooperation of the Parties,

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:

1. The goal of this Memorandum is to promote cooperation between the Parties in the areas of competition policy and competition law enforcement.

2. The Parties intend to cooperate in the above-mentioned areas by means of:

a) exchanging experiences in the area of regional integration;

b) exchanging information on laws, regulations, rules, statistical and informational materials, and other documents in the field of competition policy and antitrust regulation, which do not contain confidential information;

c) exchanging experience in conducting investigations of competition (antitrust) rules violations;

d) exchanging experiences and consulting on studies of product markets;

e) consulting on competition policy and antitrust regulation;

f) participating by a Party's representatives in events devoted to competition policy and antitrust regulation issues held by the other Party;

g) holding joint meetings, consultations, workshops and conferences on issues of mutual interest in competition policy and antitrust regulation.

3. Information, received by the Parties within the frameworks of this Memorandum, may be transferred to third persons only upon written consent of the providing Party.

4. Within the framework of this Memorandum, information with restricted access in accordance with international Treaties and Acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union, and the legislation of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union, the EAC Competition Act, 2006 and other subsidiary legislations and instruments made there thereunder, the legislation of the Partner States of EAC shall not be transferred.

5. Coordination of interaction between the Parties within the framework of implementing this Memorandum shall be carried out by:

a) on behalf of the Eurasian Economic Commission – the Department for Competition and Public Procurement Policy;

b) on behalf of the East African Community Competition Authority – the office of the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Authority .

6. The Parties may create programs of cooperation and plans to implement joint activities and where necessary, develop an Implementation Work Plan to guide activities.

7. Any disputes arising under this Memorandum shall be settled by the Parties through consultations and negotiations.

8. This Memorandum is not an international agreement, does not create rights and obligations regulated by international law and does not impose any financial and legal obligations on the Parties.

9. This Memorandum may be amended by the signing of a written communication upon mutual agreement of the Parties, which shall be an integral part of this Memorandum.

10. This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signing.

11. Each of the Parties may terminate this Memorandum by sending a relevant written notification to the other. This Memorandum shall terminate after 3 months from the date of receipt of such notification by the other Party. The termination of this Memorandum shall not affect the implementation of activities and projects initiated during the period of its application.

Signed in the city of Geneva on July 9, 2026 in two copies, each in Russian, English and French languages. In case of any discrepancies, the text in English shall prevail.

For the Eurasian Economic Commission

For the East African Community Competition Authority