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MEMORANDUM
ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
AND
THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION OF GEORGIA

The Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia,

hereinafter referred to as "the Participants",

Being aware of the regional and global natures of environmental issues, the urgency to find a cost-effective and lasting solution in addressing these issues through international cooperation and the importance of coordinating the joint activities of the two countries;

Sharing the commitment to implement the principles set out in "Agenda 21", in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, and acting in conformity with the final documents of the World Summit on Sustainable Development held at Johannesburg in 2002;

Convinced that cooperation between the two Participants in the field of environmental protection is of mutual benefits and will promote the development of the friendly relationship between the two countries;

Aware of the responsibility to ensure environmental safety for the present and future generations;

Taking into consideration the fact that the consequences of events may have transboundary effects;

Declare as follows:

Article 1

The Participants wish, on the basis of equal and mutual benefit, to develop bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental protection.

Article 2

The Participants are ready to cooperate in the following areas such as:

1. Sustainable management of ecosystems and protection of biodiversity;
2. Development of protected areas;
3. Water management;
4. Waste management;
5. Air protection;
6. Climate change;
7. Implementation of multilateral environmental agreements;
8. Exchange of experiences with financing projects through national programmes and EU funds;
9. Development of environmentally sound technologies, use of renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and material use;
10. Environmental education and training.

Article 3

Cooperation between the Participants is understood to be conducted in the following forms in particular:

- + 1. Preparation and implementation of joint projects; *and programme*
- + 2. Exchange of relevant environmental information;
- + 3. Exchange visits of experts;
4. Joint organization of seminars, workshops and meetings.

Article 4

Each Participant is prepared, within the three months from the signature, to appoint a co-ordinator to be responsible for the coordination of the activities under the Memorandum.

Article 5

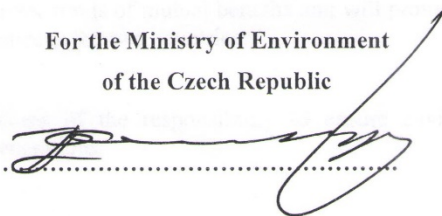
It is understood that cooperative activities under this Memorandum will be implemented according to the financial possibilities of the Participants and legal regulations in their countries. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, each Participant is supposed to bear the cost for carrying out activities based on this Memorandum.

Article 6

Although this Memorandum does not constitute a legally binding instrument, it represents a shared interest in cooperation between the Participants in the area of environmental protection.

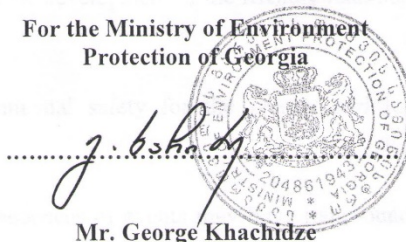
Signed in Tbilisi on August 29, 2011 in two English originals.

For the Ministry of Environment
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