MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION OF GEORGIA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia and the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

Wishing to promote and strengthen their bilateral cooperation in order to help both countries to achieve national and international environmental targets and to improve the state of the environment in both countries,

Acting in accordance with the domestic legislation of both countries and the generally recognized principles of international environmental law, and

Stressing the importance of environmental improvement in achieving sustainable development for the present and future generations,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

The Parties shall promote and develop cooperation in the field of environmental protection on an equal basis, for benefit and advantage of the both states.

Article 2

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is to support development of close cooperation in the field on environmental protection in the following directions:

 a) Monitoring of environmental pollution and state of the environment, environmental measures and regulations;



- b) Protection of biodiversity and management of protected areas, development of ecotourism;
- c) Climate change;
- d) Environmental impact assessment;
- e) Environmental education and awareness raising; and
- f) Any other fields that may be jointly decided upon by the Parties.

Article 3

The cooperation of the Parties takes the following form:

- a) Implementation of joint projects and programmes;
- b) Exchange of information on environmental legislation, standards and plans;
- c) Arrangement of joint meeting, conference, consultations of experts and capacity building of specialists;
- d) Exchange of scientific and technical information
- e) Participation of experts in international environmental conferences and symposia to be arranged in each country; and
- f) Other mutually agreed forms of cooperation.

Article 4

- 1. The Parties shall, within 6 months from the entry into force of this MOU, inform in a written form each other of designation of the coordinators for implementation of the cooperation.
- 2. The coordinators shall establish and maintain regular contacts through joint meeting and/or by other means.

Article 5

Unless otherwise jointly decided by the Parties, each Party will bear its own expenses incurred in conducting the cooperative activities under this MOU.



Article 6

The present MOU may be amended or supplemented by a mutual consent of the Parties, which shall be formed as a separate document and shall enter into force in the same manner as the present MOU. The documents drawn up in accordance with the abovementioned procedures shall form an integral part of this MOU.

Article 7

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this MOU shall be settled by consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Article 8

- The present MOU shall enter into force on a day of its signature and shall be concluded
 for an indefinite period. Each Party may terminate this MOU at any time by giving a
 written notice of termination to the other Party through the diplomatic channels. In such
 case, the MOU shall expire six month after the day of the receipt of the termination
 notice by the other Party.
- Done in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, on 13 April 2015, in two copies, each in Georgian, Korean and English Languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of different interpretations of the provisions of the MOU, the English text shall prevail.

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