

**MEMORANDUM**  
**BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION OF GEORGIA AND THE**  
**MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL**  
**PROTECTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS**  
**ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus, hereinafter referred to as "Participants",

Aiming at the expansion of collaboration in the field of environmental protection,

Realizing the importance of protection and improvement of the environment, ensuring sustainable development for present and future generations,

Basing on the provisions of international agreements in the field of environmental protection to which the Participants have adhered,

Taking into account the accumulated experience in the field of international environmental cooperation,

Have reached an understanding as follows:

**Article 1**

The Participants will cooperate in the field of environmental protection on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, guided by the purposes and principles of sustainable development, in accordance with

national legislation of the Participants and the generally recognized principles of international environmental law.

### **Article 2**

The Participants in accordance with their national legislation will promote the development of direct contacts between organizations whose activities are related to environmental protection.

The Participants are not liable for the obligations of the organizations mentioned in the first part of the present article, within the framework of agreements concluded on the basis of this Memorandum.

### **Article 3**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to promote interaction between the Participants in the field of environmental protection.

The Participants will cooperate in the following forms:

- a) Development and implementation of joint projects and programs;
- b) Exchange of environmental information, including scientific and technical information in accordance with national legislation of the Participants;
- c) Exchange of experts' visits; participation of experts in conferences, seminars and meetings organized by each of the Participants on the issues of environment and sustainable development.

Cooperation can also take place in other forms reached an understanding by the Participants.

**Article 4**

Financial terms of cooperation and implementation of joint projects will be considered by the Participants in each case within the budgetary possibilities of each of the Participants in accordance with their national legislation.

Excluding the cases reached an understanding by the Participants, each Participant will bear its own expenses occurring in the course of the implementation of this Memorandum.

**Article 5**

The provisions of this Memorandum will not affect the rights and obligations of the Participants under other international environmental agreements concluded by them and raise any international legal obligations for the Participants.

**Article 6**

Disagreement regarding the application or interpretation of this Memorandum will be settled through direct negotiations between the Participants.

**Article 7**

This Memorandum may be amended or supplemented by mutual agreement of the Participants by means of signing a separate Protocol which will come into effect upon signature or under other conditions, stipulated in the Protocol, and will become an integral part of this Memorandum.

**Article 8**

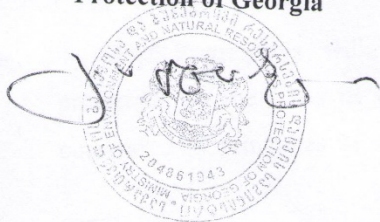
This Memorandum is valid for five years and will come into effect upon its signature. It will be automatically extended for successive five-year periods, unless either Participant sends a written notice of its intention to the other Participant to terminate its participation in this Memorandum.

In such case the Memorandum will expire six months after the day of the receipt of the cancellation notice.

The termination of this Memorandum will not affect validity of any arrangements already made under this Memorandum.

Committed in Paris, on December 9, 2015 in two copies, each in the English, Russian and Georgian languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of discrepancies the provisions of the Memorandum, the English text will prevail.

**For the Ministry of Environment  
and Natural Resources  
Protection of Georgia**



**For the Ministry of Natural  
Resources and Environmental  
Protection of the Republic of  
Belarus**

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