

**AGREEMENT ON CO-OPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

The Government of Georgia and The Government of the Republic of Turkey hereinafter called as "the Parties",

Expressing the desire to strengthen the friendly relations between Turkish and Georgian people and to develop co-operation to protect the environment,

Recognizing the significance of the sustainable development approach for the protection and improvement of the environment for the health and well-being of the present and future generations,

Bearing in mind the need for close co-operation on scientific, technical and technological aspects of environmental protection and conservation of natural resources,

Aiming at enhancing, expanding and developing the co-operation in the field of forest and forestry researches,

Noting the importance of enhancing bilateral co-operation for the fulfillment of the regional and global responsibilities of both Parties in the issues of environmental protection,

Led by the widely accepted norms of international law and multilateral environmental agreements by which their countries are bound,

Recognizing the significance of the principles adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

In order to reduce the environmental pollution and protect the nature, the Parties shall co-operate through transfer of knowledge, experience and technology on the basis of equity, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Article 2

The Parties shall co-operate in the following fields:

1. Adoption of environmentally sound solid waste management strategies,
2. Prevention of illegal traffic of hazardous wastes, harmonization of legislation at national, regional and global levels and development of early warning and information mechanisms,
3. Exchange of information on the hydrological characteristics of the Chorokhi and the Kura River,
4. Enhancing the quality of inland, coastal and drinking water and safe disposal of domestic and industrial wastewater,

5. Analysis of land based pollution loads flowing into sea and monitoring of studies (occasionally joint), establishment of required systems to exchange information between the two countries,
6. Co-operation on the protection of the Black Sea marine environment against pollution by dumping,
7. Prevention of air pollution and acid rains, due to trans-boundary movement of pollutants,
8. Exchange of information and experience and assessment of suitable technologies on new and renewable energy resources to prevent environmental pollution caused by energy production and consumption,
9. Co-operation and carrying out joint activities in the field of climate change,
10. Protection of endangered flora and fauna species, especially the migratory animals (including mammals, marine mammals, birds and fish),
11. Determination, planning and management of protected areas, protection of biological diversity and development and implementation of projects on eco-tourism activities, and exchange program of wild animals,
12. Preparation of joint programs to develop eco-tourism throughout the Black Sea coasts of each country,
13. Carrying out the required joint-studies to prevent and minimize the effects of industrial accidents,
14. Management of marine environment pollution by oil and other harmful substances in emergency situations,
15. Joint studies on prevention of soil erosion and rehabilitation projects,
16. Co-operation on the environmental aspects of industrial and agricultural policies as well as transportation, energy, forestry and fisheries (including marine products); integration of environment and development policies to attain the objectives of sustainable development,
17. Planning and implementation of environmental programs,

18. Co-operation in the monitoring of Active Fire Field, extinguishing of fires and in fire-stricken areas,
19. Joint planning and implementation of the studies and measures against the forest pests and diseases,
20. Development of methodologies for pilot projects.

Article 3

The Parties shall co-operate in the following forms on the areas enlisted in Article 2 of this Agreement:

1. Joint scientific-technical researches / programs,
2. Elaboration of co-operation projects,
3. Exchange of scientific-technical information and documents on research and development activities and environmental management practices,
4. Exchange of best environmental technologies,
5. Exchange of officers, experts, researchers and non-governmental organization members,
6. Organization of training programs, meetings, conferences and symposiums,
7. Any other forms of co-operation deemed necessary by the Parties.

Article 4

The Parties may invite government agencies, academic institutions, private enterprises and non-governmental organizations to participate in the co-operative activities within the framework of this Agreement.

Article 5

For the purpose of ensuring co-operation, both Parties shall exchange experts and trainees in the agreed fields. The travel expenses shall be covered by the sending Party while the accommodation costs shall be borne by the hosting Party.

Article 6

1. Following the entry into force of this Agreement, each Party shall designate a National Coordinator to be responsible for the management of co-operation activities under this Agreement.
2. The Parties shall notify each other regarding the name of the National Coordinator. The Parties may designate a substitute for the National Coordinator at any time upon written notice to the other Party.
3. National Coordinators of the Parties shall prepare Annual Working Programs containing the concrete elaboration of co-operation activities envisaged under Article 2 of this Agreement.
4. By mutual consensus, the National Coordinators may meet at any time to discuss the activities under this Agreement or to review other matters concerning their co-operation in the field of environmental protection.

Article 7

Upon mutual agreement, the Parties may share the results of their co-operation with third Parties in conformity with their national legislation.

Article 8

Any dispute that may arise from interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved by negotiation between the Parties.

Article 9

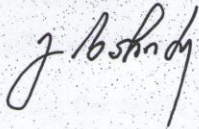
This Agreement shall not be interpreted so as to prejudice the rights and obligations of the Parties which result from other agreements in force concluded by each of the two Parties under international law.

Article 10

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the last written notification by which the Parties inform each other their national legal requirements for its entry into force have been completed.
2. The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years; afterwards its validity shall be extended for further periods of five years unless either of the Parties gives to the other written notice of three months in advance of its intention to terminate it before the date of its expiry.
3. This Agreement will be supplemented or amended upon the mutual consent of the Parties. These supplements or amendments will enter into force according to the procedure established in the first paragraph of this Article.

4. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of the activities agreed upon pursuant to this Agreement and initiated prior to such termination.
5. Done at Tbilisi, on 4, December 2009 in the Georgian, Turkish and English languages each in two original copies, the three texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail. English language shall also be the language of correspondence.

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