

**Agreement
between
The Ministry of Health of The Republic of Latvia
and
The Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia
On Cooperation in the Fields of Health and Medical Science**

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"

based on principles of equality, sovereignty of both countries, mutual benefits and by considering aspirations of both Contracting Parties on developing traditional relations in the fields of health and medical science,

considering the Contracting Parties' commitment on sustainable and long term collaboration,

agreed upon following:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties, within the framework of their respective national laws and regulations and taking into account their international obligations, shall encourage cooperation in the fields of health and medical science.

The specific areas of cooperation shall be mutually determined, taking into account the interests of the Contracting Parties.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall use their best endeavours to promote for mutually beneficial cooperation in the following areas:

- 1) exchange of information and documentation on health subjects in the fields of common interest;
- 2) cooperation in the educational training of health personnel (studies, professional consultations);
- 3) establishing direct cooperation between medical educational institutions, centers and other related institutions;
- 4) exchange of information about new medical technologies and innovations in the fields of health, pharmacy, also in sphere of traditional medicine;
- 5) exchange of information about general condition of public health, planning and financial systems in health sector;
- 6) collaboration to plan joint efforts in case of danger of spreading diseases;

- 7) exchange of information about pharmaceutical products, their side effects as well as their certification, control and quality assurance;
- 8) cooperation and exchange of information in fields of public health and health promotion according to international regulations approved by the international organizations;
- 9) cooperation to encourage development of business relations in health sector;
- 10) cooperation in other fields of health and medical science according to concluded agreements.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall promote organization of educational seminars and trainings, as well as exchange of specialists of related fields taking into consideration health priorities of each country.

The Contracting Parties shall exchange information on conferences, symposia and other international events in the fields of health and medical sciences of respective countries.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall encourage direct relations between medical educational institutions and other related institutions by promoting:

- 1) exchange of specialists according to concluded agreements;
- 2) exchange of visual, scientific health investigation documentation, health related films, technological information and scientific literature.

Article 5

In order to implement this Agreement, the Contracting Parties will negotiate on adopting the Action plan on cooperation in describing activities.

Article 6

This Agreement does not impose any financial commitments to the Contracting Parties. Despite of this, based on this Agreement, as a result of mutual consent joint projects can be prepared which can be financed as by the Contracting Parties so by other donors.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall form a joint working group to control the implementation of the Action plan and monitor other activities within the frame of bilateral collaboration. Joint working group may include corresponding representatives of non-governmental sector and experts as well as representatives of governmental organizations.

Article 8

The alterations and amendments to this Agreement shall be made by the mutual consent of the Contracting Parties through the protocols, which are an integral part of this Agreement and shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure set in Article 10 of this Agreement

Article 9

Any disputes between the Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations and negotiations.

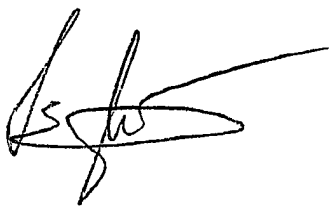
Article 10

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for the period of five years.

Either the Contracting Party can terminate this Agreement by submitting a written notification to the other Contracting Party six months in advance.

Signed in _____, _____, 2008, in two original copies, in Latvian, Georgian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation in this Agreement the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA



FOR THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND
SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA

