MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

The Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland,

- in expression of their will to establish and develop active relations between both countries in the area of labour, employment and social security;
- having regard to the established good and friendly relations between both Ministries;
- expressing their determination to join efforts towards developing a beneficial bilateral cooperation by sharing the best national experience;

have agreed on the following:

- 1. The Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland will carry out the cooperation by exchanging good practice, information and where possible implementing joint initiatives in the following main areas:
 - a) support system for people with disability;
 - b) labour market policies legislation, institutions, reforms;
 - c) activities for reducing the unemployment and for promoting the employment of the different groups at risk;
 - d) combating poverty and social exclusion;
 - e) child care system;
 - f) cooperation between governmental and nongovernmental organizations;
 - g) reforms of pension systems;
 - h) promoting active and healthy ageing including intergenerational cooperation, promoting voluntary work, education of elderly persons and social services;
 - i) social dialogue and labour disputes settlement;
 - j) all other areas subject to mutual consent between the Ministries.

- 2. The Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland agree on the following cooperation forms:
 - a) exchange of legislative acts, and other documents as well as information and good practice referring to various aspects of labour relations, employment and social security;
 - b) exchange of visits at political and expert level;
 - c) cooperation on programmes, projects and research;
 - e) other forms of cooperation subject to mutual consent between the Ministries.
- 3. For the purpose of the practical implementation of this Memorandum, annual Operational Cooperation Programmes may be adopted by the authorities pointed in the point 6.
- 4. The activities of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland will be financed under this Memorandum in accordance with their budgetary capabilities, with the exception of the Project - "Legal, financial and administrative bases of the support system for people with disabilities - examples of good practices - period of transition", which is financed by "Polish development cooperation programme".
- 5. The exchange of delegations and experts within this Memorandum will be on behalf of the sending Ministry and in compliance with the provisions of the relevant national legislation.
- 6. Competent authorities for the implementation of this Memorandum are:
 - a) on the part of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland -International Cooperation Department;
 - b) on the part of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia Social Protection Department.
- 7. The Memorandum is concluded for the period of three years and will be automatically renewed for the next three years, unless terminated by either Signatory giving three months' written notice to the other Signatory.

This Memorandum was signed in 7.611.51... on 27.10, 2014, in duplicate in the English language - one copy for each side.

FOR MINISTER OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS sop Inde OF GEORGIA

FOR MINISTER OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC

OF POLAND