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Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab Regional Director WHO Regional Office for Europe

Dear Dr. Jakab,

I would like to take the opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Regional Office for Europe of World Health Organization and European Center of Environment and Health in Bonn for the continuous support and assistance they render to Georgia to strengthen Public Health institutions and Environmental Health.

On behalf of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia I would like to express my strong support to the project of WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO/EURO) "Establishment of national systems for a sound management of chemicals in selected countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (Belarus, Georgia and Kazakhstan)" at each stage of the project implementation.

The Ministry highly appreciates this initiative and strongly supports the project implementation at the national level. The project is in-line with national priorities of the country in the field of chemicals safety. The multisectoral project steering group under the umbrella of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia will be established for implementation of the project and other responsible agencies will be involved in the project's execution.

Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia authorizes the National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC) to implement the "Establishment of national systems for a sound management of chemicals in selected countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (Belarus, Georgia and Kazakhstan)" Therefore for future collaboration, technical and financial support to the project implementation, we nominate Dr. Nana Gabriadze (Email: n.gabriadze@ncdc.ge; Cell:+995 595 455 497) Head of the Environmental Health Division, NCDC, as a National Project Manager.

It should be mentioned that NCDC has successfully implemented the first phase of the project "Development of Legislative and Operational Framework for Collection and Sharing Information on Hazardous Chemicals in Georgia". International collaboration with the German Environment Agency UBA and WHO European Center for Environment and Health was tremendously rewarding and productive for sharing their experience and expertise for successful implementation of the project.

It is important that the project "Establishment of national systems for a sound management of chemicals in selected countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (Belarus, Georgia and Kazakhstan)" will benefit to fulfillment of the obligations of Georgia to perform the harmonization of its legislation with the legislation of the European Union and introduce internationally recognized environmental approaches, regulations and recommendations.

Achievement of increased quality of life through better health of population requires development of life sciences based on applied research in the field of Environmental Health. NCDC team, involved in this proposal, is outstanding by its background, expertise, and motivation.

The above-mentioned project proposal is of great importance for our country.

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Thank you for your kind consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Minister

David Sergeenko