

**Implementation of the Protocol
of the first meeting of Georgia-Israel Joint Economic Commission**

N	Issue	Responsible Agency/Department	Status
1. Promotion of Trade and Industrial Cooperation			
1.6.	Parties discussed the possibility of starting negotiations on Free Trade Agreement between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of Georgia. The two respective ministries of economy will serve as the relevant ministries for further consultations.	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	
2. Cooperation in the field of Investments			
2.2.1	Georgian side underlined the significance of direct contacts between the representatives of two countries business sector. In this context the Georgian side suggests to the Israeli side to: • Exchange data about business in jointly agreed sectors; • Insure participation of Georgian and Israeli entrepreneurs in business forums in Israeli and in Georgia in order to promote direct business contacts between the two parties.	Georgian National Investment Agency	

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		Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Investment and Export Policy Department	
3. Cooperation in the field of Entrepreneurship and SME Development			
3.1.	The Georgian side would like to: • Strengthen cooperation between governmental institutions of both sides (ministries, agencies, offices) which are responsible for start-up and SME policy; • Exchange information about policies, measures and applications for developing entrepreneurship and SMEs as well as their supporting organizations and mechanisms, including respective services centres and financial instruments (investment-consultative centres, technology brokers, technology and innovation transfer centres, leasing companies, business incubators, industrial parks, venture capital funds for start-up businesses, etc.); • Promote the development of business relations between the two countries SMEs.	Entrepreneurship Development Agency	

3.3.	The Georgian side would like the State of Israel to share its experience with associated Georgian institutions in entrepreneurship development.	Entrepreneurship Development Agency	
3.4.	The Georgian side expressed willingness to cooperate with the Israel Small and Medium Business Agency (SMBA) to share experience and knowledge in this field.	Entrepreneurship Development Agency	
4. Regional, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
4.1.	The parties agreed to exchange information, experience and best practices in the following areas: • Improving local governance system and local public services • Territorial optimization • Institutional set-up and capacity building, including development of sub-national innovation systems and FDI facilitation • Local/regional planning (including spatial-territorial planning) • Modernization of local economic structures and processes • Regional Branding • Transnational regional cooperation	<i>Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia</i>	

4.2.	The parties agreed to promote cooperation in the fields of infrastructure and urban development and construction industry, exchange experience and examine possibilities for cooperation in the following areas: • Transfer of modern management systems and innovations in the process of conducting infrastructural policy and implementing relevant projects • Development of line and urban infrastructure (roads, railways, bridges, power networks, utility systems) • Engineering design and energy-efficient and environmentally friendly building of new residential and public buildings (health, education, sports institutions, and tourism related buildings) • Application of advanced construction technologies (building energetic ,building engineering, building structures)and production of construction materials (new construction materials, insulation techniques) • Development of green urban infrastructure.	<i>Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia</i>	
5. Cooperation in the Sphere of Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Hydroelectricity& Alternative Fuels			

5.1.	The parties agreed to exchange experience on: - legal regulations in the areas of renewable energy, energy efficiency, hydroelectricity & alternative fuels - integration of the renewable energy objects, including solar and wind power stations in the energy power systems; - application of the advanced technologies and equipment for the production of energy from renewable energy sources and hydroelectricity; - application of technologies of combined heat and electric power production from alternative fuels and waste in energy generating technological processes.	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	
5.2.	The parties agreed to promote cooperation in the fields of energy, renewable energy and energy efficiency by promoting investment projects and exchanging information and experience between the two countries in these areas.	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	
5.3.	Taking into account the significant changes and reforms in the field of energy, which have made Georgia a desirable destination for investments in hydro power development, Georgia expresses its willingness to deepen its cooperate with Israel	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	

	with a view to successfully realize investment opportunities for the construction of new hydro power plants in Georgia.		
6. Cooperation in the Areas of Oil and Gas			
6.1.	The parties agreed to exchange information on regional developments in oil and gas field, including exploration, production and infrastructure transport routes through periodic consultations between their competent agencies.	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	
7. Cooperation in the Sphere of Water Resources			
7.1.	The Parties agreed to examine the possibility of cooperation in the sphere of water resources, and particularly in water resources management and protection; floods forecasting and prevention; effective usage of irrigated lands; reconstruction and modernization of engineering infrastructure of irrigation systems, establishment of enterprises for manufacture and repair of sprinkling and drip irrigation equipment; experience and research exchange; institutional building, professional training and education.	<i>Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia</i>	

8. Cooperation in the field of Standardization, Conformity Assessment and Metrology

8.1.	Both Parties expressed a joint interest in working on an Agreement between the Government of Israel and the Government of Georgia on Cooperation in Standardization, conformity Assessment and Metrology. In this context, the Parties agreed that direct action is needed to prepare the ground for such an Agreement.	Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	
8.2.	As a preliminary step, the Parties agreed to appoint high level Contact Points for the facilitation and enhancement of mutual cooperation in standardization and metrology between the two countries and to address questions that may arise in the field of Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT). For this purpose Israel has appointed its Commissioner of Standardization and Technical Director of National Physical Laboratory (INPL) and Georgia has appointed its Director General of the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) as the Contact Point, it was agreed that their joint activities could begin even prior the signing of a full-fledged Agreement, if needed.	Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	

8.3	The two sides acknowledged that these preparatory steps would facilitate the rapid completion of an Agreement of Cooperation in the above-noted areas and pave the way to additional joint activities.	Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	
9.Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture			
9.1.	8.1 Taking into account the significance of agriculture for development in the Georgian Economy, employment, rural development and the high level experience of the Israeli side in agro-technology and agricultural knowledge and knowhow, the two parties will intensively cooperate in the field of agriculture through engagement both the public and the private sectors. With this purpose Commission decided to develop cooperation in the following fields: • Support / sharing experience of Israel in maintenance of Farmer`s Extension Center System; • Organizing agricultural study tours/trainings in Israel on the modern technologies of cultivation of vegetable crops;	<i>Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</i>	

	• Support in development of livestock breeding; • Organizing trainings for the specialists in the field of water management and melioration;		
9.2.	With this purpose the Commission decided to develop cooperation in the fields as mentioned in the renewed “Agreement between the government of Georgia and the Government of the state of Israel on the cooperation in the field of agriculture”	<i>Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</i>	
9.3.	The parties committed to timely finalize preparatory work for signing of the renewed “Agreement between the Government of Georgia and the Government of the State of Israel on the cooperation in the field of Agriculture.”	<i>Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</i>	
9.4.	The parties will further advance to agree on the text of the “Agreement between the Government of State of Israel and the Government of Georgia on Cooperation in the Veterinary Field” with the aim to finalize the procedures for signing the agreement.	<i>Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</i>	

9.5.	Israel's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, H. E. Mr. Yair Shamir will make an official visit to Georgia in April 2014. On the occasion of this visit the renewed “Agreement between the Government of Georgia and the Government of the State of Israel on the cooperation in the field of agriculture” will be signed by the Georgian and Israeli Ministers. Minister Shamir will visit agricultural sites and discuss with his counterpart the prospects for further cooperation. A business delegation may join the Minister Shamir by mutual agreement of both parties. The Business delegation could hold seminars and B2B meetings with Georgian counterparts, in order to explore mutually beneficial business opportunities.	<i>Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</i>	
10. Cooperation with MASHAV			
10.1.	"MASHAV" enjoys a traditional cooperation with Georgia including in the field of Agriculture through a variety of capacity building programs. Considering the growing interest and potential, the Parties will establish a working group for Agriculture cooperation to	<i>Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</i>	

	identify concrete areas and topics for joint activities, based on the availability of funds.		
11. Foreign Trade Insurance and Financing			
11.3.	The Parties agreed to exchange information on the potential projects and share information regarding business partners for such projects.	Ministry of Finances of Georgia	
12. Social Security			
12.1.	Both sides express their willingness to initiate contacts between relevant agencies on social protection/security policies of the parties.	<i>Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia</i>	
13. Development of Cooperation in the field of Tourism			
13.1.	The Parties reviewed the state of cooperation in the field of tourism between Israel and Georgia. The Parties noted with satisfaction that the waiver of tourist visas between their two countries had been approved, and express a hope it will be activated and implemented smoothly thus making a positive influence on tourism exchange between the sides, In the view of the above, the Parties discussed the possibilities of further increasing the number of tourists traveling between the countries. To that end, the	Georgian National Tourism Administration	

	Parties will strive to encourage their public and private tourism bodies to cooperate further and develop suitable tourist products for all relevant categories of tourists of both countries.		
13.2.	The Parties will strive to exchange information on the development, management and marketing of different tourism types with the intention of diversifying and deepening the tourism links between their countries.	Georgian National Tourism Administration	
14. Cooperation in the field of Transport			
14.1.	In order to foster maritime relations between the two states, the Parties expressed readiness to start negotiations on the Agreement between the Government of Georgia and the Government of the State of Israel on merchant Shipping	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia <i>Transport Policy Department</i>	
14.2.	The Parties would like to promote maritime cooperation between the two countries in the following fields: (1) Establish connections between maritime education and training institutions for the feasibility check of joint study programs, as well as educational exchange programs, and explore further possible synergies between institutes; (2) Exchange of information regarding Administration and regulation of the	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia <i>Transport Policy Department</i>	

	maritime field, adoption of IMO conventions and standards, and adherence to Voluntary IMO member State Audit Scheme (VIMSAS).		
14.4.	The Parties noted with satisfaction, that number of transported passengers by air transport between Georgia and the State of Israel increased in 2013 by 13% compared to 2012. The Georgian Party expressed interest in further liberalization of capacity restrictions regarding air services between Georgia and the State of Israel to increase the direct flight frequencies from 10 to 15. The sides agreed that this issue should be discussed between the Aeronautical Authorities of both parties.	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia <i>Transport Policy Department</i>	
15. Cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies and Innovations			
15.1.	Both Parties decided to develop further cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies and Innovation agreed on the following: • To share experience in IT entrepreneurship; • To continue close cooperation and mutual support in sector specific International organizations (ITU, UPU, CEPT); • To strengthen cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies and Innovations through	Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency	

	organizing business forums and other activities.		
15.2.	Georgian side would like to share the Israeli side's experience in Public Technological Incubator Program (PTIP).	Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency	
15.3.	Israeli side expressed its readiness to share experience with the Georgian side in establishing and functioning of the Yosma Fund, as well as in establishing of the technology parks.	Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency	
15.4.	Georgian side would like to request the Israeli side's support in training mobile platforms trainers (Android and iOS).	Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency	
15.5.	The sides took note of good cooperation in the telecommunication field. They also agreed to remain informed on application of route indices of telephone networks, codes of World Numbering and postal dispatches in accordance to pertinent national legislation and international obligations of the parties concerned.	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	
16. Cooperation in the Field of Healthcare			
16.1.	The Parties would like to promote cooperation between the two countries in the following fields:	<i>Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia</i>	

	• Exchange of information on elaboration of technical standards of equipping primary healthcare facilities. • Experience sharing on hospital sector development and quality control mechanisms of medical services. • Enhance cooperation on emergency and disaster preparedness and response (organization of joint conferences and exchange study courses, arrangement of joint simulation trainings). • Enhance cooperation with "Chaim Sheba Medical Center" in the field of maternal and child health care, including human resource training, data collection and organization of medical services.		
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