

# AGREEMENT

Between  
The "Euro-region Armenia" and the Communities' Association of Armenia (CAA) from one side  
and  
The "Trans-Frontier Cooperation Council" and The National Association of Local Authorities of  
Georgia (NALAG) from another side

## ON ESTABLISHMENT OF "EURO-CAUCASUS" FOR PROMOTION OF TRANS-FRONTIER COOPERATION

Whereas, undersigned parties respect partnership and good neighborhood between Armenian and Georgian nations which takes its roots from long history;

Whereas, undersigned parties recognizes sovereignty, territorial integrity and superiority of their respective countries

Whereas, undersigned parties admire supremacy of national interests, domestic legislation and European principles of trans-frontier cooperation

Hereafter agreed on:

### *Article 1 – Subject of Agreement*

To establish special entity for trans-frontier cooperation along the border line between Armenia and Georgia

### *Article 2 – Legal Name*

Name of the Entity is "Euro-Caucasus".

### *Article 3 – Mandate*

3.1. "Euro-Caucasus" aims at economic, social, ecological and cultural cooperation and exchange among the municipalities, population and NGOs located across the Armenian-Georgian border.

3.2. "Euro-Caucasus" realizes its mandate via joint projects, development activities and direct dialog between Armenian and Georgian local elected officials.

### *Article 4 – Territorial Scope*

Territorial scope for the Trans-frontier cooperation includes territories of local self-government units, from both sides of Armenian-Georgian border line.

### *Article 5 – Institutional Arraignments*

5.1 "Euro-Caucasus" is established by "Euro-region Armenia" and CAA from Armenia and "Trans-Frontier Cooperation Council", and NALAG from Georgia

5.2 Governing body of the "Euro-Caucasus" is the Partnership Council (PC), which is composed by 10 representatives - from which 5 are representatives from Armenia Nominated by the "Euro-region Armenia" and CAA and 5 are representatives from Georgia nominated by the "Trans-

*Frontier Cooperation Council” and NALAG. Decisions are taken on bases of consensus between the parties. Working conditions for PC is to be regulated by the separate rules of procedure.*

*5.3. Chairman of the “Euro-region Armenia” and Chairman of the “Trans-Frontier Cooperation Council” are co-presidents of the PC, with representative function.*

*5.4. PC may establish special commissions to discuss specific issues of trans-frontier cooperation. Committees can be composed by local officials and invited experts. Decisions of Committees have only recommendative nature.*

*5.5. PC establishes National Secretariats which are leaded by Executive directors. Executive directors are nominated by the “Euro-region Armenia” for Armenia and by the “Trans-frontier cooperation council” for Georgia.*

#### ***Article 6 – Areas of Interests***

*Areas of interest for trans-frontier cooperation are:*

- *promote Joint Economic Development*
- *SME support*
- *Cultural exchange and Youth program*
- *people-to-people-activities*
- *Tourism development*
- *Joint infrastructure and public utilities*
- *Social infrastructure and programs*
- *Environment protection*
- *Exchange of Know-how and best Practice*
- *Public education and NGO support*
- *support Freedom of movement and free trade*

#### ***Article 7 – Coordination with respective National Bodies***

*7.1. Undersigned parties inform respective national Governments on signing this agreement and periodically update them with information on activity of the “Euro-Caucasus”. They invite representatives of respective central governments in each meeting of the Partnership council.*

*7.2. All decisions of the Partnership council are open and published in Georgian and Armenian Languages.*

#### ***Article 8. – Enforcement and withdrawal procedures***

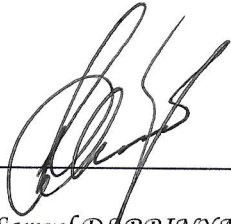
*8.1. This agreement is enforced after its signature by the authorized representatives. Official notification should be sent to the Council of Europe on the fact of enforcement of this trans-border cooperation agreement.*

*8.2. Signatory sides have right to withdrew from this agreement, after prior notification in one month period*

*This declaration is signed in Tbilisi on the fiftieth day of June 2009, in two copies on Armenian, Georgian and English Languages. English Language copy has legal supremacy.*

*on behalf of "Euro-Region Armenia"*

*on behalf of "Trans-frontier Cooperation Council"*



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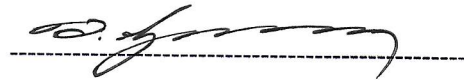
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