## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia



Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova



Association of Ukrainian Cities

under the patronage of the





Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

## We, the signatories to this memorandum, hereby:

Recognise the territorial integrity and the supremacy of the national interests of our countries;

Honour the long-standing friendship and good neighbourliness which exists between our countries;

Take into account our common interests in the promotion of local democracy through effective reforms;

State our firm commitment towards the establishment of efficient and democratic systems of local governance in our countries, in accordance with the European Charter of Local Self-Government ratified by all 47 member States of the Council of Europe;

Recognise the framework for co-operation established within the European Union Association Agreements, ratified by the signatory States, to strengthen our co-operation and reaffirm our commitment to development and on-going reforms;

Affirm to conduct all relations in a spirit of good faith, trust, transparency, democracy, responsibility and professionalism.

## Express our readiness to:

Foster dialogue and share, as appropriate, information relevant to the core work and functions of our associations;

Relay information to our countries on the work carried out by Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, in particular with a view to improving our dialogue with our respective national governments;

Look for opportunities, as appropriate, for partnership programmes and joint initiatives to enhance good local governance, between our associations and countries;

Promote co-operation between our member municipalities for the sharing of experience, knowledge and good practices;

Contribute towards enhanced cultural dialogue, through the co-ordination of various projects and activities implemented in member municipalities;

Support and facilitate direct contact between local government units from Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

In English, Georgian, Romanian and Ukrainian languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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