Memorandum of Cooperation between 10

LEGAL ENTITY OF PUBLIC LAW - BATUMI SHOTA RUSTAVELI STATE UNIVERSITY (GEORGIA)

and

«LUHANSK TARAS SHEVCHENKO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY» (Ukraine)

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Legal Entity of Public Law - Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University (hereinafter "BSU"), represented by the Rector, Professor Merab Khalvashi and "Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University", represented by acting Rector, Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Professor Olena Karaman,, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties". This Memorandum is focused for building and developing the close cooperation between the Parties, based on the mutual benefits in the research and educational collaboration, hereby the "Parties" agree to cooperate on the following:

- 1. The Parties have composed this Memorandum with the main aims of encouraging the joint research work and educational collaboration, providing exchange for professors and students as well as determining the directions for cooperation. In this context both universities within their ability will endeavor:
 - a) to provide exchange for professors and students;
 - b) to organize joint scientific and theoretical conferences, including on-line conferences, seminars, forums, symposia;
 - c) to develop the close cooperation between the faculties and departments;
 - d) to enable joint research studies;
 - e) to interexchange and work together to prepare research-educational programs, textbooks and manuals;
 - f) to share scientific information and scientific publications;
 - g) to interchange periodicals, journals and other scientific sources of specified fields;
 - h) to publish scientific research articles;
 - to invite each other to participate in international projects, grants and programs initiated by one of the Parties;
 - j) to provide on-the-job training for the students at the host institution;
 - k) to promote undergoing work practice for the students at the host institution;
 - l) to facilitate mutual assistance in developing teaching staff;
 - m) to provide exchange of experience in developing advanced educational methods;
 - n) to set up joint summer schools and to hold other events;
 - o) to provide exchange of experience in educational and research management;
 - p) to provide information on the work of the two educational institutions to the academic community.
- 2. The Parties may collaborate in other new ways. Directions of collaboration are to be revised and adjusted by the Parties, as appropriate.
- 3. The Parties undertake to maintain functional relationship and do what is necessary to improve business dealings, encourage other forms of cooperation for achieving the goals of the memorandum referred to in paragraph 1 above.

- 4. The Parties agree to collaborate in the order acceptable to both sides.
- 5. The Parties separately determine that signing of this memorandum does not impose any financial obligations on the signatories. Separate agreements should be concluded, if necessary.
- 6. Under the memorandum, the Parties shall be governed by national law that is effective in their countries and they will cooperate on the basis of equality, openness and integrity.
- 7. The Parties agree that the terms of this memorandums are not confidential and could be provided to concerned third parties, if necessary.
- 8. Any disputes or disagreements, arising out of or in connection with this memorandum, should be settled by negotiations or consultations between the Parties.
- 9. Amendments and additions to this memorandum must be in writing, signed by the appropriate officials of the Parties and they are an integral part of this memorandum.
- 10. This Memorandum will be considered valid for five (5) years once signed by both Party. This Memorandum will automatically renew for the same period unless any party gives written notice. The parties have right to terminate the memorandum through a written notice sent to the other side within a period of one month prior.
- 11. The present memorandum is drawn up in English language in two copies, one copy for each Party.

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