



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
AZERBAIJAN ACCREDITATION CENTRE
and
GEORGIAN ACCREDITATION CENTER

The Azerbaijan Accreditation Centre (hereinafter referred to as "AAC"), on the one hand, and the Georgian Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Center (hereinafter referred to as GAC), on the other hand, hereinafter jointly referred to as "Parties", and separately- as a "Party".

assuming the priority of documents of the European Co-operation for Accreditation, the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation and the International Accreditation Forum,

expressing the mutual commitment to further promote mutual understanding, to develop and strengthen cooperation in the field of accreditation,

seeking to facilitate the exchange of experience in accreditation of conformity assessment bodies,

have included this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum") on the following:

Article 1

Parties ascertain that cooperation in the field of accreditation shall be based on international standards and the principles adopted by international accreditation organizations.

Article 2

Parties shall cooperate in the field of accreditation, bearing in mind mutual interests, inter alia, on the following issues:

- a) accreditation of conformity assessment bodies;
- b) training and development of personnel;
- c) exchange of information.

Article 3

Parties have agreed as follows:

- a) if necessary, to exchange:
 1. Documents (instructions, procedures, policies, information bulletins etc.);
 2. Laws in the field of accreditation;
 3. Information on accreditation matters.

- b) to organize joint workshops, subject-specific seminars and conferences on the practice of accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.
- c) to cooperate in matters relating to training and professional development of accreditation personnel by means of exchange of experts and their involvement into accreditation of conformity assessment bodies
- d) to exchange experience in implementing international standards in the field of accreditation
- e) to promote the participation of the laboratories accredited by them in the inter-laboratory comparisons and proficiency testing programs
- f) to organize study visits for the lead assessors, assessors and technical experts for witnessing, observing and working in the partner's assessment teams in the field of common interest
- g) to exchange assessors and lead assessors. The tariffs will be charged according to the respective rules.

Article 4

The duration of the visits, training programs and all related issues including expenses will be agreed by both parties in advance of carrying out of the above activities

Article 5

Information, including documents and materials, obtained under this Memorandum, shall be deemed confidential and may not be transferred to other parties without the written consent of a Party that has provided such information

Article 6

Amendments and additions to this memorandum may be made upon mutual consent of the Parties through signing on additional memorandum that shall be considered an integral part of the Memorandum and shall come into force in accordance with the procedure envisaged by this Memorandum

Article 7

Contentious issues relating to the interpretation or application of this memorandum shall be resolved through consultations and negotiations.

Article 8

This memorandum does not constitute an international agreement and does not create rights and obligations governed by international law

Article 9

This memorandum is concluded for an indefinite period and shall take effect on the date of its signing.

Either Party may terminate the Memorandum upon written notice to the other Party. The Memorandum shall cease to be in force at the expiration of six months starting from the date on which one of the Parties has received a written notice of intention to terminate the Memorandum from the other Party.

Made in one original copy in the English language.

For AAC

28.11.17.

(date)



(signature)

Sabiq Abdullayev

ACC Acting General Director

For GAC

28.11.2017

(date)



(signature)

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