AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC, AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

between

National Technical University "Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute" (Kharkiv, Ukraine) and

Legal Entity of Public Law - Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University (Batumi, Georgia)

Guided by the aspiration for the strengthening of friendship and mutual understanding between the countries and among peoples and to the interest of the mutually advantages cooperation of higher educational establishments in the field of higher education, science and culture and with a view to increase efficiency of the academic, methodical, educational and research work the National Technical University "Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute" (hereinafter NTU "KPI"), represented by rector, professor Yevgen SOKOL on the one part and Legal Entity of Public Law -Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University (hereinafter "BSU"), represented by rector, professor Merab Khalvashi on the other part, both referred to as Parties, agree to cooperate under the following conditions:

ARTICLE 1

The parties shall pursue scientific, academic, methodical and cultural cooperation as follows:

- 1.1. Joint scientific collaboration based on cooperation in fundamental and exploring research including research that may be commissioned by other partners.
- 1.2. Exchange on the mutual equivalent basis of scientific publications, training and methodical materials, curricula, bibliographic and reference manuals as well as booklets and other materials that highlight the achievements of both Parties.
- 1.3. Equivalent invitation of the representatives of the partner university to participate in scientific conferences and symposia that are of mutual interest.
- 1.4. Exchange of academic staff and scientists for giving lectures and consultations, exchange of experience gained in the field of the scientific and methodical work as well as exchange of students and specialists to increase their qualification while adhering to equivalent quotas.
- 1.5. Joint preparation and publication of monographs, text-books, manuals, scientific papers, etc.
- 1.6. Joint participation in European and other international projects.
- 1.7. Both Parties may engage in other forms of collaboration that will have to be negotiated in an additional Agreement to the present one.

ARTICLE 2

2.1. The exchange student is exempted from tuition fees, the host university provides free dormitory and library use. The participant will cover his/her round-trip travel and living expenses.

2.2 In the case of an exchange of researchers, academic or administrative staff, the participant will cover his round-trip travel and living expenses, the host university will provide free accommodation and create the necessary conditions for work, including free access to the library.

2.3. The Universities are not obliged to allocate for these purposes their personal financial resources, each Party may look for an opportunity to obtain the above resources.

ARTICLE 3

- 3.1. All activities carried out within the framework of this Agreement shall be in compliance with the internal regulations of the Parties.
- 3.2. Each Party shall agree to bear responsibility for its own actions.
- 3.3 Both universities mutually recognize each other's ownership and rights, related logos, service marks and trademarks, including all intellectual property rights and goodwill therein.
- 3.4 The parties will be guided by the applicable laws in their countries on the protection of personal data.

ARTICLE 4

- 4.1. To guarantee the fulfillment of the conditions under this Agreement each Party appoints a coordinator of cooperation with the partner university. The coordinator guarantees that the other Party shall have all the information necessary for cooperation.
- 4.1.1 Coordinators:
- a) On the part of NTU "KPI" Head of the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Business, Prof. Nataliia YAKYMENKO -TERESHCHENKO, Head of the Department of Marketing, Prof. Diana RAIKO.
- b) On the part of "BSU"- Head of Tourism Department, Faculty of Tourism, Prof. Anzor DEVADZE.

ARTICLE 5

Any alterations and amendments to this Agreement require written consent of both Parties.

ARTICLE 6

Every two years, the collaborations between both Parties will be evaluated and, if deemed necessary, supplements, amendments and specifications of the individual articles may be considered and included in an amendment.

ARTICLE 7

7.1 The agreement enters into force on the day of its signing and is valid for 5 years. This agreement will automatically renew for the same period unless any party gives written notice.
7.2 The parties have right to terminate the agreement through a written notice sent to the other side within a period of 3 months prior.

ARTICLE 8

Disputes arising from this Agreement shall be settled by way of negotiations. In case the Parties fail to settle the dispute by way of negotiations, it shall be subject to the laws in force on the territories of Georgia and Ukraine.

ARTICLE 9

The present Agreement has been signed in six copies (two copies in Ukrainian language, two copies in English language and two copies in Georgian language.

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