

PROTOCOL ON COOPERATION
between
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,

BEARING IN MIND the common past and long standing friendship based on the shared values and principles,

REAFFIRMING strong support for each other’s sovereignty and territorial integrity within internationally recognized borders,

WISHING to encourage and foster the cooperation between the two states in political, economic, cultural and other fields,

ACKNOWLEDGING that genuine and constructive dialogue at various levels, primarily on issues of bilateral relations as well as on regional and international issues of mutual interest, will promote strengthening of cooperation in political, economic, energy, defence, scientific and cultural fields,

ACKNOWLEDGING Hungary’s unwavering support for Georgia’s European perspective as recognised by the European Council on 23 June 2022,

CONSIDERING the importance of the Association Agreement between Georgia, of the one part, and the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the other part signed at Brussels on 27 June 2014, aiming at accelerating reforms, legislative harmonization, political association and further economic integration of Georgia with the European Union, and the respective Association Agenda, as well as the European perspective granted to Georgia by the EU,

CONSIDERING Georgia’s strong aspiration towards NATO membership and taking into account special integrational mechanisms such as NATO-Georgia Commission, Annual National Programme and Substantial NATO-Georgia Package, with a view to accelerate Georgia’s NATO integration process,



AIMING to achieve Georgia's membership in the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization,

HAVE AGREED upon the following:

ARTICLE 1

1. The Parties shall hold regular consultations on bilateral issues alternately in Georgia and Hungary with the aim to further strengthen the cooperation in political, economic, defence, cultural, educational, consular and other fields, as well as on the issues of regional and international importance. The Parties shall jointly decide the agenda, dates and place of consultations through diplomatic channels.
2. The Parties shall hold consultations on the issues raised in the process of implementation of the Association Agreement between Georgia and the European Union and the Association Agenda, as well as on issues pertaining to the result-oriented cooperation within the Eastern Partnership, to provide support:
 - in the field of cooperation for EU-Georgia political dialogue and reforms;
 - in the field of the visa-free regime between the EU and Georgia;
 - in promoting the public awareness of the European Union in Georgia;
 - in cooperation on European integration between institutions of Georgia and Hungary;
 - in sharing Hungary's experience on EU accession, particularly in meeting the Copenhagen criteria;
 - in identifying thematic issues and projects of common interest to further develop the Eastern Partnership as a result-oriented regional initiative, including in such areas as good governance, economic integration, energy security, transport, connectivity and people-to-people contacts, with special focus on Economic and Investment Plan;
 - in enhancing awareness of the Parties' interests and challenges and promoting cooperation on issues falling within the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy.
3. The Parties shall seek funding for joint actions through EU and other international institutions and instruments.

4. Hungary is ready to support Georgia in the implementation of the Association Agreement including DCFTA through the transfer of experience, including, but not limited to delegating additional experts to Tbilisi in the field of EU integration, and technical assistance.
5. The Parties shall maintain close cooperation within the frame of the Georgian-Hungarian Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation. Parties also shall promote bilateral trade and investment activities as well as foster ties mainly but not exclusively in the fields of science and technology, education and culture between the two countries.
6. The Parties shall seek to enhance humanitarian and development cooperation between the two countries with the aim of strengthening friendly ties along with addressing social, economic and environmental challenges, overall supporting Georgia in pursuing sustainable development and contributing to the international efforts of leaving no one behind. The cooperation between the Parties shall seek to extend to the fields of education, healthcare, water management, sanitation and hygiene, agriculture, sustainable energy, information technology and infrastructure development together with further areas of mutual interest.
7. The Parties shall hold intensive consultations on Georgia's NATO integration process, both in political and practical dimensions. Particular attention should be paid to the issues related to the Black Sea Security and timely and full implementation of the Tailored Support measures adopted at 2022 NATO Madrid Summit.
8. The Parties will continue cooperation on the issues related to the EU's enhanced engagement in the Russia-Georgia conflict resolution process, including through facilitation of the implementation of the EU-mediated 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement, the activities of the EU Monitoring Mission, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia, result-oriented co-Chairmanship of the Geneva International Discussions (GID) and EU's continuous proactive policy of non-recognition and engagement.
9. Hungary will advocate for unimpeded access of the EU Monitoring Mission to Georgia's occupied territories and will remain a firm supporter of the duties of the Mission, as well as continue to delegate specialists in various fields to support the work of the mission, remaining open to the possibility to increase the number of said specialists in the future.
10. The Parties will consult each other, where possible and necessary, on their most important foreign policy initiatives, as well as their positions on international issues of mutual concern, including those relating to the work ongoing within the international organizations. Consultations may also be initiated on matters of particular importance for one of the Parties.



11. The Parties will exchange information about candidates for international organizations and inquire about the possibilities to support each other's candidates.
12. The Parties shall consider, where appropriate, to establish regular contacts of their representations to different international and regional organizations.
13. Unless it is regulated otherwise, all costs of participating in consultations or other venues shall be borne by the sending Party.

ARTICLE 2

The Parties shall encourage the establishment of primary contacts between foreign policy research centers - both governmental and non-governmental - as well as state-owned or private foundations, organizations, workshops, etc. engaged in such researches. The Parties shall also promote the establishment of contacts between foreign policy researchers of the two countries.

ARTICLE 3

Any dispute regarding the application or interpretation of this Protocol shall be resolved between the Parties by means of consultations and/or negotiations.

ARTICLE 4

Amendments and additions may be introduced to the Protocol upon mutual consent of the Parties, which shall be formed as a separate document and enter into force subject to the same procedures as this Protocol. The document formed thereby, shall constitute an integral part of this Protocol.

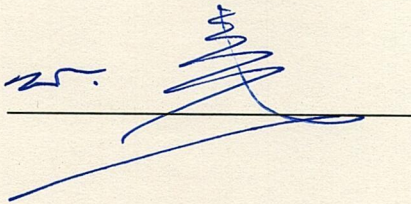
ARTICLE 5

1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature and remain in force for an indefinite period of time.
2. Each Party may terminate the Protocol by giving a written notice of termination to the other Party through diplomatic channels. In such case, the Protocol shall expire six months after the date of the receipt of the termination notice by the other Party.

3. With the entry into force of this Protocol, the Protocol on Cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, signed in Budapest on 10 February 2015, shall cease to be in force.

Done in duplicate in Bucharest on “30” November 2022, in English language, all texts being equally authentic.

For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
Georgia



For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
Trade of Hungary

