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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the previous communications between the United Nations and the Government of Georgia concerning the legal framework of the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office in Georgia.

As the Government will be aware, pursuant to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 72/279 of 31 May 2018, the functions of the Resident Coordinator and those of the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) were separated on 1 January 2019. Further, when the Resident Coordinator also performed the functions of the Resident Representative of UNDP in Georgia, the terms set forth in the UNDP Standard Basic Assistance Agreement between the Republic of Georgia and the United Nations Development Programme (SBAA), concluded between UNDP and Georgia on 1 July 1994, applied also to the Resident Coordinator and members of the Resident Coordinator's Office, and to the functions that they performed in that capacity.

The Government will recall from previous communications that, with the separation of the Resident Coordinator functions from those of the UNDP Resident Representative, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/279, a separate legal framework should be established between the United Nations and Georgia concerning the Resident Coordinator and members of the Resident Coordinator Office, and to the functions that they perform in that capacity. Bearing in mind the considerable practice

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and experience that exist in the implementation of the SBAA in Georgia, I wish to reiterate the proposal that the SBAA shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Resident Coordinator Office, including the Resident Coordinator and other members of the Office.

I further propose that, upon receipt of your acceptance of the above proposal in writing, this exchange of letters shall constitute an Agreement between Georgia and the United Nations on the application of the SBAA to the Resident Coordinator Office, which shall enter into force upon the date of the receipt by the United Nations of the notification from Georgia that the internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the agreement have been fulfilled.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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