

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

The Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Willing to strengthen and develop mutually beneficial relations based on principle of reciprocity,

Attaching great importance to education, as well as to cultural and educational needs of the people of the two countries,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall encourage the development of direct cooperation links between educational and research institutions of both sides.

ARTICLE 2

The Parties shall encourage the development of research collaboration in the mutually agreed fields, facilitate the participation of scientists in international conferences and symposia held in the partner country, and invite specialists with the aim to exchange policy experiences in the fields of research and science.

ARTICLE 3

Both Parties shall, at the request of the other Party, exchange any desired information regarding all forms and levels of education. The Parties, in order to familiarize with the developments and reforms of the education and research systems, shall facilitate the exchange of experts in education and research policies.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties underscore the importance of mutual recognition of educational qualifications. The Parties shall exchange information and documentation on this matter and strengthen the cooperation within the NARIC Network.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties shall promote the teaching of the language, literature, history and culture of the other country at the respective education institutions.

ARTICLE 6

Parties shall give particular attention to cooperation in the humanitarian sphere, shall facilitate the participation of pupils and students in competitions and other international programmes and projects, and encourage academic exchange between respective higher education institutions specializing on arts, design and crafts.

ARTICLE 7

The Parties agree that ICT in education is an important cooperation field. The Parties will consider the following topics for future cooperation: infrastructure development for ICT in education, teachers training and study materials development, ICT in administration and implementation of the education policy.

ARTICLE 8

The Parties shall mutually provide annually scholarships for the post-graduate and research students of the partner country to study at public higher education institution.

The application information shall be publicized through diplomatic channels. The scholarships are subject to the budgetary frameworks of the Parties.

The Parties shall facilitate cooperation between national mobility schemes and programmes and respective administrative agencies aiming at promoting bilateral academic mobility.

ARTICLE 9

Any amendments to this Agreement can be made by mutual consent of the Parties in a form of separate Protocol being an integral part of this Agreement and shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10

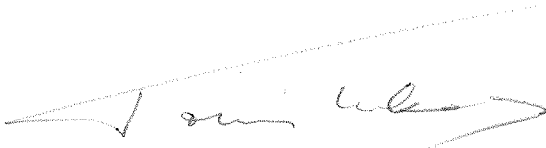
Any disputes arising in the course of the implementation and interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations between Parties.

ARTICLE 11

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receiving of the last written notification through diplomatic channel, confirming the completion of the respective internal procedures required for its entry into force.

This Agreement is concluded for a five (5) years period and shall be automatically extended for another five (5) years period unless either of the Parties at least six (6) months in advance notifies through the diplomatic channels the other Party in written of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

Done in Tallinn on April 7, 2010, in two original copies, each in Estonian, Azerbaijani and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.



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