

AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA

AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

NOTING the importance of protecting human rights and freedoms, as well as guarding the interests of the state and society from unlawful acts,

RECOGNIZING the essential role of fostering mutual cooperation in the maintenance of public order and public security,

AIMING AT developing relations and effective cooperation in the field of combating crime,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Scope of the Agreement

1.1. The Parties, acting within the scope of their competences, shall cooperate in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the obligations arising from the international treaties to which their States are parties.

1.2. This Agreement does not address the transfer of information constituting professional or state secrets, the extradition of individuals, or the provision of legal assistance in criminal matters.

Article 2

Areas of cooperation

2.1. The Parties, within the scope of their competencies, shall cooperate in the fields of prevention, detection, suppression and investigation of the following crime, inter alia, regarding the following crimes:

- a) crimes against life and health, freedom and dignity of person;
- b) crimes against property, including the theft of vehicles and related unlawful activities;
- c) trafficking of human organs or tissues and coercion into their removal for transplantation purposes;



- d) trafficking in human beings, forced labour and illegal migration;
- e) illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;
- f) cybercrime, as well as crimes committed through the use of information and communication technologies;
- g) other types of organized crime.

2.2. The Parties shall also cooperate in the following areas:

- a) protection of public order;
- b) ensuring road traffic safety;
- c) the search for, location, and identification of persons evading investigation or judicial proceedings, avoiding punishment for committed crimes, evading payment of alimony, and non-compliance with court orders, as well as missing persons;
- d) the identification of unidentified corpses, as well as individuals unable to provide information about their identity due to their health condition or age;
- e) the identification of persons residing unlawfully or without valid identification documents, or with fraudulent documents, in the territory of the State of the other Party;
- f) scientific research activity, application and development of information and telecommunication systems, application and use of communication tools and systems, special tools, techniques and equipments;
- g) preparation and professional development of personnel.

Article 3

Forms of cooperation

3.1. The Parties shall implement cooperation in the fields of mutual interest referred to in Article 2 of this Agreement in the following principal forms:

- a) exchange of operational-search and operational-inquiry information;
- b) execution of requests for the conduct of operational-search measures that do not require a court decision or a prosecutor's sanction;
- c) the exchange of information regarding newly identified types of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, or precursors found in illicit circulation; the technologies and materials employed in their manufacture; as well as newly developed methods utilized in the examination and identification of such narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, or precursors;



- d) the exchange of information and experience on new types of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, places of producing and cultivating them, fluctuations in their prices;
- e) on the technologies and methods used in smuggling of new types of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, methods of transferring and hiding them, their origins and destinations places, their routes and methods of their illegal trafficking;
- f) on the structure, personnel, field of activity, management organization and contacts of criminal groups, which are privy to illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors and whose activity is of transnational nature;
- g) the exchange of information and experience on the activity directed at legalization of income from illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;
- h) the exchange of information and experience on combating cybercrime, as well as the detection of other crimes committed through the use of information and communication technologies;
- i) mutual exchange of information aimed at detecting threats to information security, including cybersecurity, excluding critical information infrastructure;
- j) search and return in accordance with the established procedure of objects (things) with numbers or special distinguishing marks, including vehicles and firearms, as well as securities and identity documents;
- k) coordination of activities aimed at preventing crimes and the actions of individuals who have committed or are preparing to commit criminal offenses;
- l) the exchange of information and experience on the criminal groups that undertake their activities on the territories of their States in addition to the crime subject, tools and techniques, technology, methods used, relationships established and development of these relationships;
- m) the exchange of information and experience on the new procedures, methods and technologies used in solving and combating crimes;
- n) the exchange of information and experience on the criminals committing organized crimes in addition to their registrations to the place of residence or sojourn;
- o) exchange statistical data as well as legal and other normative acts, brochures, publications and results from scientific researches, broadcasting materials, including digital broadcasting materials in the field of combating crime;
- p) the exchange of professional experience, and the establishment of cooperation between the specialized educational institutions of the Parties, including the



organization and conduct of trainings, consultations, seminars, and courses for the training and professional development of personnel;

q) the exchange of experience on other matters falling within the competencies of the Parties.

3.2. The Parties shall also implement any other forms of cooperation as mutually agreed upon.

Article 4

Requests

4.1. Cooperation between the Parties is implemented based on written requests which should be made according to this Article.

4.2. In urgent cases, such requests may be submitted verbally, however no later than 3 (three) working days they should be confirmed in writing, including using any technical means of transmitting text.

If there is any doubt about the authenticity or content of the request, additional confirmation may be requested.

4.3. The written requests should have the following data:

- a) names of the Requesting and, if known, of the Requested Parties, and other requisites that permit identification;
- b) brief summary of the issues for which request is sought;
- c) purpose and justification of request;
- d) any other documents necessary for the execution of the request (or their copies authenticated by a notary);
- e) other documents or materials necessary for execution of request.

4.4. The request or response to the request shall be submitted in written form on the official letterhead of the respective Party. The request or response to the request shall be signed or sealed by the head of the Party which sent them or by an official authorized by him/her.

4.5. During the execution of the requests, the national legislation of the State of the Requested Party shall be applied.

Article 5

Execution of the request

5.1. The Requested Party shall take all necessary measures to ensure the prompt and thorough execution of the request.



The Requesting Party shall be promptly notified of any circumstances that hinder or significantly delay the execution of the request.

5.2. If the execution of the request does not fall within the competence of the Requested Party, it shall promptly notify the Requesting Party and, at the request of the Requesting Party forward the request to the competent authority.

5.3. The Requested Party shall have the right to request additional information necessary for the proper execution of the request.

5.4. If the Requested Party consider that the immediate execution of the request may impede a criminal prosecution or other proceedings conducted within its State, it may postpone the execution of the request or condition its execution of the request upon compliance with specified written terms.

5.5. At the request of the Requesting Party, the Requested Party shall take all necessary measures to ensure the confidentiality of the fact of receipt of the request, its content, and any accompanying documents.

If the execution of the request is not possible without ensuring confidentiality, the Requested Party shall inform the Requesting Party accordingly. The Requesting Party shall notify the Requested Party of its decision whether or not to proceed with the execution of the request under such conditions.

5.6. The Requested Party shall notify the Requesting Party of the results of the execution of the request at the earliest possible time.

5.7. During the execution of the request, the national legislation of the State of the Requested Party shall be applied.

Article 6

Refusal to execute the request

6.1. If the Requested Party considers that the execution of the request may harm its state sovereignty, national security, or public order, or that it contradicts a binding court decision or judgment in force within its territory, or that it conflicts with its national legislation or obligations arising from international treaties to which its State is a party, it shall wholly or partially refuse to execute the request.

6.2. If possible, prior to deciding to refuse execution of the request pursuant to Article 6.1, the Requested Party shall consult with the Requesting Party on the possibility of executing the request subject to such conditions as the Requested Party deems necessary. If the Requesting Party provides written consent to the execution of the request under the proposed conditions, it shall be obliged to comply with those conditions.

6.3. The Requesting Party shall be notified in writing of the refusal to execute the request, in whole or in part, together with the reasons for such refusal.



Article 7
Protection of personal data

7.1. For the purposes of this Agreement, “personal data” shall mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

7.2. The mutual exchange of personal data between the Parties shall be performed in compliance with the conditions defined by the Requested Party and the following principles:

- a) The Parties shall process personal data only for clearly formulated legal purposes within their competences and only for the purposes for which they are requested in accordance with the national legislation of their States. Data processing requirements shall be as provided by the national legislation of the State of Requested Party and not exceed the purposes for which they are collected;
- b) The Requesting Party shall inform on a request the Requesting Party about how the transmitted data was used;
- c) The Requested Party shall guarantee that the data is correct and up-to-date;
- d) If it appears that the transmitted data is incorrect or the transmitted data should not have been transmitted or that lawfully transmitted data should be destroyed after their usage according to the national legislation of the State of the Requested Party, the Requesting Party shall correct on the basis of information provided by the Requested Party or destroy them and immediately notify the Requested Party about that;
- e) The transmitted data that has been used, must be destroyed by the Requesting Party;
- f) If the Requesting Party has reason to believe that the transmitted data are inaccurate or should be deleted, it shall immediately notify the Requested Party thereto;
- g) The Requesting Party shall effectively protect the received information against unauthorized access, alteration, or disclosure;
- h) The Parties shall keep records of the transmitted information.

7.3. Personal data exchanged within the framework of this Agreement shall be stored only for the period necessary to achieve the purpose defined by this Agreement.

7.4. The authorized bodies shall ensure the registration of the transfer or receipt of personal data exchanged on the basis of this Agreement, as well as the actions performed on the data (including destruction). The registration record must indicate the purpose of the data transfer, the content and category of the data, the bodies involved in the transfer, and the reasons for the actions performed on the data (including destruction).

7.5. The received personal data is confidential. The transfer of or access to the received personal data to a third party is permissible only with the prior written consent of the transferring authorized body.

7.6. The transferred personal data must be erased/destroyed by the receiving authorized body once the legal basis for processing the personal data no longer exists and/or the purpose for which the data was transferred is achieved. For this, the receiving authorized body must periodically review the material containing the received personal data. The transferring authorized body shall be notified of the erasure/destruction of the personal data.

7.7. In the event of the subsequent transfer of personal data transmitted on the basis of this Agreement to another body and/or its use for purposes different from those defined by this Agreement, the data protection standard guaranteed by this Agreement must be ensured.

7.8. In the event of the impossibility of fulfilling the obligations undertaken by this Article, the Parties shall immediately notify each other.

Article 8

Restrictions on the use of information and documents received

8.1. The information or documents received on the basis of the request issued pursuant to this Agreement may not be used for purposes other than those for which the request was made and granted, without the prior written consent of the Party providing them. Not may such information or documents be introduced, relied upon, or otherwise used as evidence in criminal trials without the prior written authorization of the central authority for mutual legal assistance of the Party providing such information or documents.

8.2. The transfer of data obtained under this Agreement to any third party shall require the prior written consent of the Party providing such information.

Article 9

Expenses

Unless otherwise agreed in writing in each specific case, the Parties shall bear the costs arising from the implementation of this Agreement within budgetary defined in accordance with their national legislations.

Article 10

Languages

During the implementation of cooperation based on this Agreement, the Parties use the English language. If the Georgian and Azerbaijani languages are used, the Parties shall provide an oral or written translation into English accordingly.



Article 11
Coordination of cooperation

11.1. Coordination of activities for cooperation between the Parties under this Agreement is entrusted from the Georgian side to the International Relations Department and Central Criminal Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, from the Azerbaijani side to the International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

11.2. If necessary, the Parties shall determine their specialized operational services, which can establish direct contacts in pursuance of the provisions of this Agreement, and channels of communication between them.

11.3. In the event of a change in the name or functions of the bodies specified in Article 11.1 of this Agreement, the Parties shall immediately notify each other about this through diplomatic channels.

Article 12
Joint Working Group

12.1. For the implementation of this Agreement, the Parties may establish a Joint Working Group.

12.2. The Joint Working Group shall undertake to follow up and evaluate the implementation of provisions of this Agreement as well as suggest advanced methods for developing cooperation.

12.3. The Joint Working Group may conduct a meeting once a year in the State of the Party, alternatively. Additional meeting can be held with the mutual consent of the Parties.

Article 13
Relation to other international treaties

This Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from the other international treaties to which their States are parties.

Article 14
Settlement of disagreements

Any disagreement arising from the implementation or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably between the Parties through consultations.

Article 15
Suspension

15.1. The Parties reserve the right to temporarily, partially, or completely suspend the implementation of this Agreement on grounds of national security, national interests, public order, or the protection of public health.

15.2. The Parties shall immediately, but not later than 24 hours inform each other in writing through diplomatic channels about their decision on suspension of, and revocation of the suspension of this Agreement.

Article 16
Additions and amendments

Additions and amendments may be made to the Agreement upon mutual consent of the Parties which shall be formed as a separate Protocol and enter into force in accordance with the Article 17.1 of the present Agreement. The Protocols formed thereby, shall constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 17
Entry into force, duration and termination

17.1. This Agreement is concluded for a period of five (5) years and shall enter into force on the first day of the next month following the day of the receipt of the last written notification through the diplomatic channels, by which the Parties shall notify each other on the completion of internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement. Unless one of the Parties notifies the other Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this Agreement no later than six (6) months prior to the expiration of its validity, this Agreement shall be automatically extended for successive periods of five (5) years.

17.2. Each Party may terminate this Agreement by sending written notification of its intention to do so to the other Party through diplomatic channels. In such case, the Agreement shall be terminated six (6) months from the date on which the other Party receives the respective notification.

17.3. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the execution of requests submitted during the period in which the Agreement was in force.

17.4. As of the date of entry into force of this Agreement, the “Agreement on Cooperation between the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Georgia and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan” signed in Baku on 10 May 1993 shall cease to have effect.

Done at Tbilisi on November 21, 2025 in two original copies, each in the Georgian, Azerbaijani, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Ministry of Internal Affairs of
Georgia**



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the Republic of Azerbaijan**



