PROTOCOL

ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND THE MARMARA GROUP STRATEGIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation and the Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation (further – the Parties),

expressing their commitment to promote formation of public opinion to strengthen the solidarity for achieving aims and objectives of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation,

being convinced that civil society organisations contribute to stimulating the overall cooperation process adding a new dimension to addressing common problems at national and international levels,

considering that enlargement of Black Sea Economic Cooperation context with more involvement of non-governmental organisations will enhance effectiveness of the cooperation process and will ensure better integration using more comprehensive scope,

recognizing need for setting up of a solid foundation for developing economic cooperation based upon the principles of market economy, respect of human rights, fundamental freedoms and social justice, within the framework of ongoing integration processes

Have agreed as follows:

- The Parties shall exchange the agendas of their meetings and shall invite representatives to attend each other's gatherings;
- The Parties shall exchange on a permanent basis their documentation including reports and other official documents in order to be fully informed about each other's activities;

- The Parties shall be invited to the gatherings organized by each of the Parties if the issues of mutual interest are discussed;

The present Protocol shall enter into force upon its signature and shall be valid for three years. The Protocol shall be considered extended for every subsequent period when there is no objection from either of the Parties.

There may be amendments and additions to the present Protocol, stated in the separate protocols being inseparable part of the present Protocol.

Done on 11 December 2007 in Tbilisi in two original copies in English.

One signed copy of the present Agreement shall be deposited with the International Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, and the other – with the Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation.

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