Memorandum on bilateral mutual cooperation between
The National Parliamentary Library of Georgia
and Azerbaijan National Library

The National Parliamentary Library of Georgia and Azerbaijan National Library, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”, desirous of developing professional relations between the libraries and establishing conditions for the cooperation in the fields of science, culture and dissemination and exchange of information resources, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall cooperate in the fields of automation of library bibliography processes, electronic exchange and delivery of documents, scientific bibliography, restoration and conservation of rare books and human resources development.

Article 2

In order to exchange the experience and knowledge on perspectives of development and achievements in the fields of library science and library information the Parties shall strengthen cooperation in the following areas:

- automation of library bibliography processes;
- reciprocal use of electronic libraries and electronic catalogue;
- exchange of electronic information;
- scientific research in the fields of book and book publishing;
- technologies of safeguarding, restoration and conservation of rare books;
- developing international book exchange in order to improve archives of the libraries;
- organization of book exhibitions;
- exchange of experiences between the specialists of all fields of library work, to organize training courses, workshops, scientific conferences, seminars.

Article 3

The Parties will expand mutual cooperation in the sphere of study and exploration and exchange (digital or photo copy) of ancient manuscripts and publications preserved in the national libraries’ collections.
Article 4

The Parties agree to receive librarians from each other for a period of maximum 15 days. Accommodation expenses (hotel and daily expenses) of the librarians will be covered by the receiving country while the travel expenses will be covered by the sending country. The number of librarians will be mutually determined each year.

Article 5

If it is required the Parties on the basis of written consent and after preliminary notification of the other Party may make additions and amendments to this Memorandum.

Article 6

This Memorandum enters into force upon signing. This Memorandum shall remain in force for a period of 3 years and shall be extended automatically for another period of 3 years unless either Party 6 months prior to the date of expiration of the Memorandum notifies in written form through diplomatic channels the other Party about its intention to terminate it.

Memorandum signed in Baku on 20 December, 2013 in Georgian, Azerbaijani and English languages all texts being authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation of this Memorandum, the English text shall prevail.

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