

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**  
**Between**  
**International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (ICPS)**  
**And**  
**Central Election Commission of Georgia (CEC)**  
**And**  
**Centre of Electoral Systems Development, Reforms and Trainings**

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

**1. The Three Organisations**

**A) ICPS**

The International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (ICPS) exists to promote effective policy making and good governance through better interaction between Parliaments, Governments and other stakeholders in society.

The Centre's primary focus is the empowerment of Human Capital through Capacity Building. To this effect, the Centre organises a range of Training Programmes, Conferences and Policy Discussions to address current public policy issues on the International Stage, in the European Union and the UK. These provide a forum for policy discussion, debate, networking and sharing of best practices.

**B) CEC**

The Central Election Commission of Georgia exists to conduct elections in a fair and law-abiding manner, while ensuring absolute credibility among voters and other stakeholders.

**C) Centre of Electoral Systems Development, Reforms and Trainings**

The Centre of Electoral Systems Development, Reforms and Trainings was created following amendments made to the Election Code of Georgia on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The main goal of the centre is: to implement electoral reforms and monitoring process, to conduct trainings and capacity building for the election subjects involved in the election process and to conduct the free and fair elections in accordance with international standards.

**2. Overview of project**

Collaboration for the promotion of democracy and good governance through capacity building in the region

### **3. Mode of Collaboration**

The overall purpose of this collaboration is the joint organisation of **capacity building events in Georgia and in the wider Region**. The scope of the work will also extend to **joint research projects, joint international missions, observation missions, study visits and advisory services related to the electoral matters**.

Delivery of ICPS training courses in the region will take place through the **Centre of Electoral Systems Development, Reforms and Trainings**. The courses will include not only electoral matters, but also other courses drawn from the range which ICPS currently offers, and new courses suggested by stakeholders, or which arise in discussions between ICPS and CEC and the Centre of Electoral Systems Development, Reforms and Trainings. Specific courses to be run will be decided mutually, and the courses will be not only for Georgia but for the entire Region.

ICPS and CEC will take joint actions to promote the courses in the Region.


A percentage of the revenue generated from the courses will be paid to the Centre of Electoral Systems Development, Reforms and Trainings. The exact percentage and the precise courses will be agreed by side letter.

OR

ICPS will pay a set fee to the Centre of Electoral Systems Development, Reforms and Trainings, for use of their resources.

### **4. Coordination and Monitoring Meeting**

The parties will endeavour to have a quarterly meeting which may take place in London, Brussels, Georgia or any other country where the parties are present.



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