

PROTOCOL

TO THE PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN GEORGIA, OF THE ONE PART,

AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

AND THEIR MEMBER STATES, OF THE OTHER PART,

TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND

ROMANIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

GEORGIA,

of the one part, and

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM,

THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA,

THE CZECH REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK,

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA,

THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN,

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,

IRELAND,

THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,

THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS,

THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA,

THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,

THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG,

THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY,

THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA,

THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS,

THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA,

THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND,

THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,

ROMANIA,

THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA,

THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC,

THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND,

THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN,

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,

hereinafter referred to as the "Member States", represented by the Council of the European Union, and

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY,

hereinafter referred to as "the Communities", represented by the Council of the European Union
and the European Commission,

of the other part,

hereinafter referred to as "Parties" for the purposes of this Protocol,

HAVING REGARD TO the provisions of the Treaty between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (Member States of the European Union) and the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania concerning the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, which was signed in Luxembourg on 25 April 2005 and is applied from 1 January 2007,

CONSIDERING the new situation in relations between Georgia and the European Union arising from the accession to the EU of two new Member States, which opens opportunities and brings about challenges for the cooperation between Georgia and the European Union,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the desire of the Parties to ensure the attainment and implementation of the objectives and principles of the PCA,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

The Republic of Bulgaria and Romania shall be Parties to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, signed in Luxemburg on 22 April 1996 and entered into force on 1 July 1999 (hereinafter the "Agreement") and shall respectively adopt and take note, in the same manner, as the other Member States, of the texts of the Agreement, as well as of the Joint Declarations, Exchanges of Letters, and Declaration by Georgia annexed to the Final Act signed on the same date and the Protocol to the Agreement of 30 April 2004, which entered into force on 1 March 2005.

ARTICLE 2

This Protocol shall form an integral part of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

1. This Protocol shall be approved by the Communities, by the Council of the European Union on behalf of the Member States and by Georgia in accordance with their own procedures.

2. The Parties shall notify each other of the completion of the corresponding procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. The instruments of approval shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

ARTICLE 4

1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the first month following the date of the deposit of the last instrument of approval.
2. Pending the date of its entry into force, this Protocol shall apply provisionally with effect from 1 January 2007.

ARTICLE 5

1. The texts of the Agreement, the Final Act and all documents annexed to it, as well as the Protocol to the Agreement of 30 April 2004, are drawn up in the Bulgarian and Romanian languages.
2. They are annexed to this Protocol and are equally authentic with the texts in the other languages in which the Agreement, the Final Act and the documents annexed to it, as well as the Protocol to the Agreement of 30 April 2004, are drawn up.

ARTICLE 6

This Protocol is drawn up in duplicate in the Georgian, Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovene, Slovak, Spanish and Swedish languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.