

**STATEMENT OF INTENT ON CO-OPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS  
UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA  
AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS  
UNDER THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, MONUMENTS PROTECTION AND SPORT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA**

*With a view to further developing bilateral sports exchange and co-operation, and promoting the mutual understanding between the peoples of the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Georgia on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, the Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Department of Sport and Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Culture, Monuments Protection and Sport of the Republic of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties") have agreed as follows:*

**ARTICLE I**

*Both parties shall encourage their sports institutions, national sports federations, unions and associations to establish direct links and to strengthen mutual co-operation and exchange for the development of sports in both countries. The program for exchanges will be decided by respective sports organizations or sports federations, unions or associations of both parties through consultation.*

**ARTICLE II**

*Both parties agree to organize friendly matches of their national teams on the basis of exchange.*

**ARTICLE III**

*Both parties shall support long-term study visits of their coaches in both countries. The financial terms shall be decided through consultation.*

**ARTICLE IV**

*Both parties, if necessary, shall discuss and support the studies of their athletes in public and private physical education institutions of Lithuania and Georgia.*

#### **ARTICLE V**

*Both parties shall hold joint conferences and seminars for coaches and sport specialists to exchange experience and information. Leading lecturers of both countries shall be invited to speak at these conferences and seminars.*

#### **ARTICLE VI**

*Both parties shall support the initiatives and encourage their athletes to participate in international and open sports competitions organized by the other party for the purpose of raising their level of training and performance.*

#### **ARTICLE VII**

*Both parties shall encourage exchange and co-operation between specialists and researchers in the field of sports science, sports research, sports medicine, sports facilities, sports qualifications and sports information.*

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

*Both parties shall recognise the positive role played by the government in the combat against doping and shall strengthen co-operation and exchange in fighting against doping.*

#### **ARTICLE IX**

*Both parties agree to co-ordinate their stand and to strengthen their co-operation in international affairs.*

#### **ARTICLE X**

*Both parties shall dedicate themselves to establishing an intergovernmental working group on physical education and sports of Lithuania and Georgia, which shall contribute to the development of sport systems of Lithuania and Georgia. The working group shall meet regularly and follow the principles of good sport governance established by the Council of Europe and the European Union in its work.*

**ARTICLE XI**

*Both parties agree to make every endeavour in raising funds from third parties in their countries to support their co-operation and development activities.*

**ARTICLE XII**

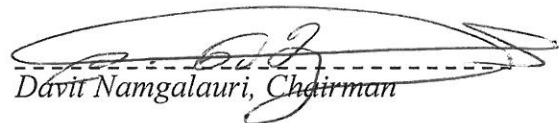
*This Statement of Intent on Co-operation between the Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Department of Sport and Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Culture, Monuments Protection and Sport of the Republic of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "Statement of Intent on Co-operation") shall come into effect on the date of signature.*

*This Statement of Intent on Co-operation is signed on 23 March 2007 in Vilnius, Lithuania, in duplicate in the English language, each text being equally authentic.*

***Department of Physical Education and  
Sports under the Government of the  
Republic of Lithuania***

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