

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
regarding cooperation between the Eurasian Development Bank
and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as Memorandum, is entered into by the Eurasian Development Bank, hereinafter referred to as EDB, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, hereinafter referred to as the World Bank, hereinafter jointly referred to as the Parties.

WHEREAS:

(a) The EDB has a mandate to foster development of market economies of member countries, their sustainable economic growth and expansion of mutual trade and economic relations; and is interested in cooperating with the World Bank in one or several of the said aforementioned areas, and understands that the World Bank may consider providing its services to the EDB through various instruments available to it, or as part of its role in facilitating global initiatives.

(b) The World Bank has experience in the member countries of the EDB and globally in providing, *inter alia*, assistance in preparation, implementation, and supervision of programs and investment projects for development and diversification of the economy, development of infrastructure, reform of public services, addressing social needs and pressures, improving governance, management of resources, supporting private sector growth, facilitating global initiatives, and other areas.

(c) In the past, the World Bank has played a key role in supporting the capacity building in national and international development banks as well as dedicated public financial institutions in a number of countries. IBRD's financial, analytical and advisory instruments as well as their global experience of cooperation with other development institutions

(d) and national development banks could benefit EDB in many areas, by bringing experience in working with new financial instruments, along with associated technical assistance and institutional capacity building activities, supervision, and policy advice.

HEREBY the Parties sign this Memorandum of Understanding.

A broad area of common interest for the Parties is overall capacity development of the EDB as an international development finance institution. The instruments of cooperation could include exchange of information, coordinated preparation and implementation of advisory and technical assistance programs and development projects in their member countries, partial risk guarantees for large-scale private sector investments, a combination of the above, or other forms of cooperation that the Parties may deem desirable.

Should the Parties agree so, World Bank services to the EDB could also be provided on a reimbursable basis, via fee-based service contracts, similar to the ones that the World Bank operates with other development finance institutions in the Russian Federation and other countries. Such contracts will be negotiated separately at the time which is deemed appropriate by the Parties.

The Parties agree to work together on:

- investigating the scope of specific areas of cooperation, to be identified shortly upon the signing of this Memorandum;
- determining the priority areas for cooperation, and agreeing on specific action plans and resources needed for these priority areas;
- identifying specific mechanisms for cooperation that are acceptable to the Parties; and
- seeking and agreeing on cooperation programs with relevant government agencies of the EDB member states.

This Memorandum does not create or express any legally binding rights, obligations or representations on the Parties.

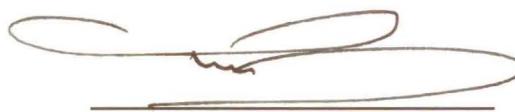
AGREED in the City of Istanbul, Turkey, on October 7, 2009.

**For the International Bank for
Reconstruction and Development**

**For the Eurasian Development
Bank**



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