

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF GEORGIA
CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF
PREVENTION OF PROLIFERATION OF TECHNOLOGY, PATHOGENS
AND
EXPERTISE RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BIOLOGICAL
WEAPONS**

Pursuant to Article VII of the Agreement between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of Georgia Concerning Cooperation in the Area of Prevention of Proliferation of Technology, Pathogens and Expertise Related to the Development of Biological Weapons, dated 30 December 2002, hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”, the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of Georgia hereby agree:

1. To amend Article III, Paragraph 1 by replacing the words “five (5) million” with the words “fifteen (15) million.”
2. To amend Article IV of the Agreement by adding new Paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 as follows:

“4. The MOD or its designated agent shall collect and facilitate the transfer of requested pathogen samples to DoD for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes, and share data with DoD generated by the disease surveillance networks of MOD or its designated agents in order for the parties to better detect, diagnose and monitor disease outbreaks in Georgia.

5. The MOD or its designated agent shall consolidate and store all dangerous pathogens at the National Center for Disease Control, or at other secure centralized laboratories designated in writing by DoD (hereinafter centralized laboratories). DoD may provide molecular diagnostics capabilities, improved electronic communications, and equipment for the safe and timely transport of field pathogen samples to the centralized laboratories.

6. Dangerous pathogens placed in centralized laboratories shall remain in those laboratories for the duration of the Proliferation Prevention Agreement unless removal is agreed to in writing by DoD.

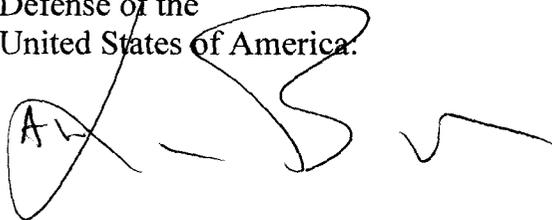
7. The MOD or its designated agent shall cooperate with DoD annually to develop a plan describing the underlying assumptions, requirements and responsibilities for each project being undertaken pursuant to the Agreement, and the MOD or its designated executive agent shall certify each such plan as accurate.”

This Amendment shall enter into force upon the date on which the Parties exchange written notifications confirming the completion by each Party of all applicable procedures required for the entry into force of the Amendment, and shall remain in force for the duration of the Agreement. Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement, Paragraph 6 shall continue to apply as between the Parties for the duration of the Proliferation Prevention Agreement.

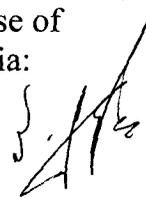
In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this Amendment.

Done at Washington, this 23rd day of March, 2004, and at Tbilisi, this 19th day of March, 2004, in duplicate, each in the English and Georgian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Department of
Defense of the
United States of America.



For the Ministry of
Defense of
Georgia:



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