

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA**  
**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP**

The Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Georgia, hereinafter called "the Signatories",

RECOGNISING the longstanding cooperation and the existing bilateral Agreements in force between the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Georgia;

RECALLING the international multilateral instruments in the field of migration and development the Signatories are parties to;

CONSCIOUS of the link between migration and development as reflected also in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the need for migration to be understood in a holistic and comprehensive approach;

DESIRING, on the basis of the principle of reciprocity, to deepen and expand their dialogue and co-operation in the field of migration, to identify opportunities offered therein and to find constructive solutions to the challenges of global migration;

DETERMINED to combat the negative consequence of irregular migration and to conduct a migration policy that takes into consideration the interest of the country of origin, destination and transit as well as the interest and rights of the migrants;

*Have reached an understanding to enhance their cooperation through a Migration Partnership as follows:*

The Signatories intend to consider ways of establishing a regular and constant dialogue and a common reflective process on migration matters beneficial to both countries, especially in the areas listed hereafter:

- Management of migration movements (including asylum, internal displacement and integration);
- Prevention of irregular migration;

- Cooperation in the health sector related to migration challenges;
- Capacity building in migration governance matters;
- Visa issues, consular and related administrative matters;
- Readmission of nationals, stateless persons and of third-country nationals;
- Return assistance and reintegration;
- Prevention of smuggling of migrants and fight against trafficking in human beings;
- Migration and Development (including the area of skills, employment, and diaspora);
- Promotion and protection of human rights;
- Other areas concerning the movement of populations between the Signatories' territories.

The Swiss Federal Department of Justice and Police and the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, oversee the implementation of the Migration Partnership described in the present Memorandum of Understanding through bilateral consultations.

The provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding do not create any legal rights and obligations between the Signatories.

Signed in Tbilisi, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, in duplicate in the French, Georgian and English languages. In case of differences in interpretation, the English text should have priority.

**For the Swiss Federal Council**

**For the Government of Georgia**