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To
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Subject: Memorandum of Understanding n° 382381 S0SC

Dear Mrs. Tarasova,

Please, find enclosed the signed original of the above-mentioned Memorandum of Understanding for your files.

Yours faithfully,


Dr. K. Altermann

Annex : 1 original of the Memorandum of Understanding

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

NO. 382381 SOSOC

between the

**JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE (JRC) /
INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY (IES)**

and the

**COMMISSION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE BLACK SEA AGAINST
POLLUTION**

on

**JOINT ACTIVITIES FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE OF THE BLACK
SEA MARINE ENVIRONMENT**

The European Community, represented by the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as "the Commission", represented for the purpose of signing this Memorandum of Understanding by Mr. Manfred Grasserbauer, Director of the Institute for Environment and Sustainability of the Joint Research Centre, on the one part,

The Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution, represented for the purpose of signing this Memorandum of Understanding by Mr. Hasan Sarikaya, Chairman of the Commission on the other part,

Hereafter referred to individually as 'the Party' or collectively as 'the Parties'

PREAMBLE

Whereas

Whereas the Parties wish to establish a mutually beneficial relationship;

Whereas both Parties recognise strong complementary assets between their facilities and their testing and simulation methodologies and are aware of the necessity to share the knowledge on the state and trends of the Black Sea environment;

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Whereas the activities and the organisational structure of both Parties shall form the subject matter of this Memorandum;

Whereas the Parties in accordance with the present Memorandum will encourage joint and co-operative initiatives relevant for the monitoring and assessment of the state of the marine environment of the Black Sea;

In consideration of the above, the Parties hereby agree to the following:

ARTICLE 1 - Subject and Scope of the Collaboration

- 1.1 Subject of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is the future collaboration between the Parties in the field of:
"Assessment of the State of the Black Sea marine environment"
- 1.2 The Parties have expressed their intention to hold a meeting once per year in principle for presentation of the respective activities. The date and place will be decided by mutual agreement.
- 1.3 Aim of the collaboration is to co-ordinate as far as possible the research activities in the fields of common interest, as identified hereafter, in order to avoid duplication and enhance efficiency.
- 1.4 Discussions between the Parties have resulted in the identification of the following areas of common interest:
 - Modeling of the Black Sea marine ecosystem;
 - Application of satellite methodologies for monitoring purposes;
 - Training activities.
- 1.5 In case the Parties decide, under this MoU, to implement joint projects, they shall, prior to starting work and on a case-to-case basis, conclude in advance, a specific written collaboration agreement related to the joint project. These collaboration agreements will cover technical, legal (including the responsibilities of each Party and intellectual property rights) and financial aspects as far as necessary.

ARTICLE 2 - MODALITIES OF CO-OPERATION

The modalities of co-operation can i.e. be the following:

- Identification of specific fields of common interest
 - Exchange of relevant information
 - Stimulation and establishment of a platform to promote discuss and co-ordinate activities related to the Field and the results thereof.
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- Exchange of research personnel;
- Joint organization of meetings, symposia and workshops;
- Exchange of information and academic materials;
- Exchange of results of research programs;
- Mutual support on promotion and establishment of research contacts and networks for marine assessment related tasks.

ARTICLE 3 - COSTS

- 3.1 Each Party shall bear its own costs in connection with the implementation of this MoU.
- 3.2 There will be no transfer of money between the Parties in connection with this MoU.
- 3.2 This MoU does not establish legally binding obligations on the part of any of its signatories. All cooperative activities undertaken by the Parties are subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The Parties are entering into this MoU with the express understanding that the MoU itself does not give rise to a claim for compensation for services against any of the respective governments or institutions.

ARTICLE 4 - CONFIDENTIALITY

- 4.1 With respect to all information concerning the activities of the Parties relating to this MoU (whether in oral, written or computerised form) disclosed in confidence to one Party by the other, the said Party will not use any such information for any purpose **other than the implementation of its obligations under this MoU;**
- 4.2 Each Party will keep and/or treat the information as confidential and not disclose it to any outside third entity without a prior written consent of the concerned Party.
- 4.3 Confidentiality of information exchanged in connection with this MoU shall be maintained for a period of five (5) years after the termination of the Memorandum of Understanding.
- 4.4 In the case of accidental disclosure of the information by unforeseen matters such as robberies, the Party concerned shall not be held liable according to this Article

ARTICLE 5 - ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND RENEWAL

The MoU will be in effect 5 (five) years following the date of the signature by the last



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Party. It can be prolonged or modified only by written amendment signed by the duly authorized representatives of each Party.

ARTICLE 6 - TERMINATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Where a Party to this MOU wishes to end its Collaboration, it may do so by providing the other Party written notice to that effect at least 2 months before the intended date of withdrawal.

ARTICLE 7 - Administrative provisions



All correspondence concerning the performance of this MoU shall be sent in two copies to the following addresses:

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| <p><u>For administrative questions</u></p> <p>European Commission Joint Research Centre Institute for Environment and Sustainability TP 263 I-21020 - ISPRA (VA) Italy To the attention of Mr. Marco Cecchini</p> | <p><u>For administrative questions</u></p> <p>BSC Permanent Secretariat To the attention of Mr. Plamen Dzhadzhev</p> |
| <p><u>For technical questions</u></p> <p>European Commission Joint Research Centre Institute for Environment and Sustainability TP 272 I-21020 - ISPRA (VA) Italy To the attention of Mr. Wolfram Schimpf</p> | <p><u>For technical questions</u></p> <p>BSC Permanent Secretariat To the attention of Ms. Oxana Tarasova..</p> |

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Two originals of this Memorandum are to be signed by the representatives of each institution, and retained by them..

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| <p>Date: 18 Dec 06</p> <p>Director Manfred Grasserbauer Institute for Environment and Sustainability</p> <p></p> <p>Signature:</p> | <p>Date:</p> <p>Chairman Hasan Sarikaya... Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution...</p> <p>Signature: </p> |
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