THE BAKU DECLARATION

on the cooperation between EUARASIAN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION, BLACK SEA UNIVERSITIES NETWORK and

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES OF THE CASPIAN REGION

Eurasian Association of Universities, represented by acad. Victor Sadovnichy, Black Sea Universities Network, represented by acad. Michaylo Zgurovski, and Association of Universities of the Caspian Region, represented by prof. German Borlikov, gathered in Baku, having discussed the issues of mutual cooperation, underlined the necessity of more active participation of the universities in the development of society based on knowledge and innovation, strengthening of international integration of universities, harmonizing the mutual efforts on perspective fields of science, activation of students mobility and raising the role of universities in humanitarian collaboration.

The forms of cooperation between the signatory organizations will be developed on basis of equal and mutual benefit facilitating the involvement of the interested member-universities on project basis.

Within this aim signatory parties have agreed on the following principles:

- 1. Initiation of actions for raising the role, quality and prestige of higher education in society within the framework of the Charters of each signatory party.
- 2. Facilitation of the establishment of regular contacts between the signatory parties and the member universities in the field of education, fundamental and applied research, university management and other activities, based on mutual interest.
- 3. Development of a system of regular exchange of experience and good practices within the framework of this declaration.
- 4. Exchange of information of mutual interest on the organization of conferences, workshops, meetings and other events related to science, education and culture.
- 5. Implementation of various joint project based on separate agreements.

- 6. Promotion of mobility of students and professors among the member-universities.
- 7. Cooperation of the organization of joint events like for on higher education.

On behalf of Eurasian Association of Universities

President

Acad. Victor Sadovnichy

On behalf of Black Sea Universities Network

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Acad. Michaylo Zgurovski

On behalf of Association of Universities of the Caspian Region

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Prof. German Borlikov

This declaration signed in Baku on November, 1st 2009 at Baku State University.

Rector of Baku State University

Acad. Abel Maharramov