## **MEMORANDUM**

# on cooperation between the Akimat of Almaty region (Republic of Kazakhstan) and the Republic and Canton Ticino (Swiss Confederation)

The Akimat of Almaty region and the Republic and Canton Ticino, hereinafter referred as the Parties, concluded the following Memorandum with an intent to build a cooperation at the regional level aimed at fostering the flourishing relationship and developing the mutually fruitful cooperation in trade, economy, science, technology, as well as promoting cultural understanding on a long-term stable and create favorable conditions for business relations between two regions.

### **Article 1**

The Parties acknowledge their intention to create the required conditions for the establishment and development of cooperation in all fields on equitable and mutually beneficial basis, and in compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Swiss Confederation, as well as in accordance with intergovernmental agreements.

This Memorandum expresses the Parties' intentions, and shall entail no rights and obligations imposed on each Party.

#### Article 2

The Parties should promote the exchange of information and expertise in the development of the regions, including such areas like the regional economy development; planning and construction; public transportation; manufacturing and innovative technologies; tourism; sports; education; culture; healthcare; commerce; environmental protection; communal services, and other fields of cooperation.

#### **Article 3**

The Parties deem appropriate to embark on an exchange of official delegations and experts in various fields of economic activities for the sake of an active support of official dialogues between the two business communities. Expenses shall be covered by the sending Party.

## Article 4

The Parties shall apply efforts for supporting permanent contacts establishment between different institutions functioning in the spheres of science, culture, healthcare, education, tourism, sports, information and communication technologies including public organizations of the Parties.

## Article 5

The Parties will agree to jointly address all the issues arising in the process of implementing this Memorandum in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Swiss Confederation and also to initiate measures to order to adopt a positive solution.

## Article 6

Each Party will be entitled to propose amendments or additions to this Memorandum. These amendments and additions shall enter into force as soon as these amendments and additions are approved by the competent representatives of both Parties.

In case of successful bilateral collaboration the Parties will consider signing a Cooperation Agreement.

## Article 7

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the signing date and remain in force until the expiration of three months period from the date of receipt of a written notice by either Party of the Part's intention to terminate this Memorandum.

This Memorandum is signed in the Astana city on "11" August 2017 in 3 counterparts, in the Kazakh, Russian and English languages. In the case of discrepancies in interpretation of the Memorandum, the English version shall be predominating.

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