

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION**

**BETWEEN
the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction
and MapAction**

Taking into account that the Parties:

MapAction, represented by its Chief Executive Officer, Liz Hughes,
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The Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR), represented by its
Director Valery Viktorovich Petrov,
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have decided to conclude this Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation (hereinafter
referred to as the “Agreement”) for the purpose of promoting, facilitating, and strengthening
cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and response to natural and man-made
emergencies, and have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish effective relations between the Parties based on
equality and mutual benefit, to strengthen the capacities of the Parties in the fields of Disaster
Risk Reduction (DRR) and Emergency Situations (ES), and to implement developments of
mutual interest in practice.

The main objectives of this cooperation are to create favorable conditions for the exchange of
ideas, information, and technologies, and to organize joint research and development activities
within agreed priority areas and programs.

ARTICLE 2

Subject to the availability of funds and resources of the Parties, the following forms of
cooperation may be carried out under this Agreement:

- coordination of efforts for effective emergency response;

- development and implementation of joint regional and international projects on disaster risk reduction, prevention, and emergency response;
- exchange of technical information, including samples and standards;
- technical assistance, including the use of unique equipment, technologies, and software, as required;
- development of software products;
- provision of products and services;
- establishment of a data bank (databases) in the field of mapping;
- training and capacity-building of specialists and experts from member countries of the Center through exercises, trainings, courses, and other relevant activities;
- exchange of experience and implementation of best practices in disaster risk reduction, prevention, and emergency response;
- other forms of cooperation of mutual interest agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3

By mutual consent of the Parties, third-party organizations and individuals may be involved in joint activities under this Agreement. New participants sharing the objectives of this Agreement may accede to it.

ARTICLE 4

Any amendments and/or changes to this Agreement shall require the written consent of the Parties and shall be attached to this document.

ARTICLE 5

Either Party reserves the right to terminate this Agreement early at any time, with or without cause, by providing written notice to the other Party ninety (90) days prior to the termination date.

If, at the time of termination, activities under any program implemented pursuant to an additional agreement forming part of this Agreement are ongoing, such activities shall be completed regardless of the termination date. Both Parties shall make every effort to ensure this.

ARTICLE 6

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years. Upon expiration, it shall be automatically extended for an additional five-year period unless the Parties decide otherwise.

This Agreement may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent of the Parties.

Termination of this Agreement by a Party shall not affect the completion of cooperative research activities carried out under this Agreement that have not been completed by the time of termination.

ARTICLE 7

This Agreement does not create any legal or financial obligations for the Parties with respect to joint activities.

No actions undertaken under this Agreement shall infringe upon the rights or authorities of either Party.

This Agreement is executed in two originals in Russian and English, one for each Party, both texts being equally authentic.

This Agreement was signed by both Parties on 20.08.2018.

Director
Center for Emergency Situations and
Disaster Risk Reduction
Almaty

L. Hughes

V. Petrov

Chief Executive Officer
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