Memorandum of Understanding and cooperation between the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine and the Seoul Metropolitan Government

Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine and the Seoul Metropolitan Government (represented by the Seoul Metropolitan Infrastructure Headquarters) hereinafter referred to as “the Sides”,

CONSIDERING the desire to develop and strengthen mutual partnership in respect of policy on information systems (open data) and management of infrastructure and construction of public facilities,

Taking into consideration that the program of the UNDP Seoul Policy Centre (USPC)’s Development Solutions Partnership (DSP) on Open Data and Public Construction Management is co-implemented by UNDP Ukraine Country Office in partnership with the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative (CoST) Ukraine,

Hereinafter the Sides have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Goal

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation between the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine and the Seoul Metropolitan Government (hereinafter - the Memorandum) is to determine the principles of cooperation and joint work mechanism of the Parties on matters of common interest.

Article 2

Priority areas of cooperation

1. The Sides will exchange information and cooperate in planning and monitoring the construction and maintenance of infrastructure. In particular, the Parties will promote cooperation to exchange experience in the creation of the Seoul Metropolitan Infrastructure Headquarters on infrastructure construction management, free from corruption.

2. Cooperation will cover the following areas:
   (a) policy approaches and practical aspects of transparent and efficient management of infrastructure projects (e.g. road construction management);
   (b) construction project information management system and open data system (eg system «Allimiz», through which the public is given information on projects in construction);
   (c) other issues on which the parties can agree on cooperation within the priority areas identified in this article.

3. In pursuing cooperation and exchange of information in the above-mentioned areas, the Sides within the authority will also exchange information and establish partnerships with other relevant stakeholders, including governments, parliaments, civil society and international organizations interested in the creation of construction management in Ukraine, free from corruption.

Article 3

Consulting and information exchange

1. For mutual benefit, the Sides, within their competence, will share their laws and regulations, as well as experiences with developing operational technologies in the field of public infrastructure management.

Article 4

Representation

1. This Memorandum provides the following forms of cooperation between the Sides:
   (a) visits and meetings, including webinars and online meetings between representatives of the Sides;
   (b) the exchange of information and experience of establishing effective monitoring and management of infrastructure projects;
   (c) Participation in seminars and other events on issues of mutual interest;
   (d) other forms of cooperation by mutual consent.
Article 5
Implementation mechanism

1. The Sides will cooperate under the norms of this Memorandum in accordance with the national legislation of the, Sides acting within their competence defined on the basis of mutual respect of interests.

2. This Memorandum shall not affect the rights and obligations of each Side arising from international treaties to which is a Party.

3. The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding and cooperation does not impose any international legal obligations to Ukraine and the Republic of Korea, and does not affect the rights and obligations arising from international conventions and treaties adopted by Ukraine and the Republic of Korea.

Article 6
Amendments

1. By joint arrangement of the Sides this Memorandum may be amended and supplemented. The changes to the Memorandum are made by individual protocols that will form its integral part.

2. All disputes arising from the interpretation or application of this Memorandum shall be settled by the Parties through mutual consultation or negotiation.

Article 7
Entry into force and validity

1. Two (2) original copies of the memorandum were prepared in English and translated into Ukrainian (1 pc.) and Korean (1 pc.).

2. All four copies are authentic with original signatures.

3. Each Side shall retain one (1) copy of the Memorandum languages. The Memorandum comes into force from the date of its signing by the Sides and is valid for three (3) years.

4. In case of divergence of interpretation and/or application of this Memorandum English variant of the text shall prevail.

5. Each Side may terminate this Memorandum by a written notice to the other Side of its intention. Action of the Memorandum terminates after three (3) months from the date of receipt by the other Side of such notification.

6. The term of this Memorandum may be extended for another period of two (2) years after appropriate arrangement between the Sides.

7. This Memorandum will enter into effect upon the date of the signature.

Article 8
Contacts

In order to implement the Memorandum information contact shall be established between the Sides:

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Signed on 14 July, 2016

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