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Subject: EU future support for the programme on Environment and Health in the framework of the Annual Action Programme 2020 (AAP 2020)

Dear Deputy Minister,

I would like to thank you and your representatives for the active engagement of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture in the formulation of the new EU programme under reference. The input and assessment received from your services was instrumental in adjusting its design. As discussed between our services, the programme is structured in four components:

- (1) Improving Air Quality and Water quality with a view to improve health of the population and better manage natural resources
- (2) Greening the economy and further developing circular economy
- (3) Supporting implementation of the Climate Action Plan and of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- (4) Implementing environmental provisions of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement and communicating to the public on ongoing environmental reforms, the challenges of climate change, and the impacts on health

Please be informed that some of the components with particular focus will be implemented also in cooperation with the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia (MoIDPLHSA), to whom in am writing in parallel.

The European Commission's DG NEAR is envisaging for this programme a financial allocation of EUR 22,700,000.

Following internal discussions, I am pleased to share for your consideration the Action Document for the programme. As you are aware, the Action document sets the objective and expected results. We are still working on the definition of the implementing modalities as well as the estimated budget for each components.

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The draft documents were also shared with the Commission Headquarters services recently, together with all documents related to the proposed programme.

Sincerely,

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Enc: Draft Action Document

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