

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
between
The Moscow City Government, and
The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

The Moscow City Government and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Recalling the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989 (hereinafter referred to as the Convention on the Rights of the Child), and ratified by the Russian Federation in 1990,

Realizing the challenges children are facing in cities and the opportunities cities can provide for realizing the full potential of every child,

Taking into consideration "The Integrated programme of additional measures to support families with children, create favorable conditions for development of family care forms and formation of a child's personality for 2007" elaborated by the Moscow City Government,

Being guided by the principles of the UNICEF global "Child-Friendly Cities" initiative, namely that:

- needs, priorities and rights of children are an integral part of a city's social policies, programmes and decisions;
- the municipal budget should reflect efforts to address these priorities;
- rights and needs of every child should be addressed in the broadest possible perspective;
- children and young people should be actively involved in decision-making processes.

Aiming to strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation in the interests of children within the overall context of UNICEF's Programme of Cooperation with the Government of the Russian Federation,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties, acting as equal partners, and acting within the context of the UNICEF global “Child-Friendly Cities” initiative, shall implement joint programmes, projects and events in the interests of children of Moscow, and shall work to mobilize coalitions of municipal leaders throughout the Russian Federation and promote the implementation of child-friendly social policies in the cities both in the Russian Federation and internationally.

Article 2

The Parties shall join efforts to promote principles which guide development and implementation of cities’ policies through prioritizing interests of children.

Article 3

The Parties shall cooperate in implementation of regular situation analysis of children in Moscow, and shall develop indicators and tools to monitor progress in the area of children’s wellbeing in the Moscow City.

Article 4

The Parties shall promote public awareness on the children’s rights and contribute to the development of friendly attitudes to children by organizing information campaigns and producing joint statements and reports.

Article 5

The Parties shall elaborate strategies and use best international practices to develop an environment where every child can realize his or her full potential, by adoption of the following measures:

- creating opportunities for every child to grow up in a family (preferably the child’s biological family) rather than in a state institution, and striving towards the goal of significant reduction in the number of ‘social orphans’;
- ensuring that high-quality education, health and other social services are accessible to every child, with supplementary support for children from disadvantaged families, as well as children with

special needs, including the disabled, children from families of migrants, etc;

- investing in programmes promoting healthy lifestyles and the wide dissemination of information and education needed for children and youth to manage the risks they face and to avoid significant health problems;
- developing programmes and projects that achieve these goals through assisting children from disadvantaged families to develop their potential in mainstream schooling and social activities, and through paying special attention to high impact, low-cost, preventive healthcare.

Article 6

The Parties shall cooperate to share information of mutual interest. The Parties shall organise and participate in conferences, meetings and round tables in the area of upholding child rights.

Article 7

Specific projects shall be implemented on the basis of separate Agreements which shall be adopted in the form of supplements to this Memorandum.

Article 8

Issues related to the financing of joint activities shall be addressed by mutual agreement of the Parties concerned on a case-by-case basis.

Article 9

This Memorandum shall be concluded for an indefinite term and shall come into force on the day of its signing.

This Memorandum shall cease to be in force six months after either of the Parties gives notice in writing to the other one of its intention to terminate the Memorandum.

The termination of this Memorandum shall not affect the rights and obligations arising from any separate Agreements concluded within the framework of this Memorandum.

Signed in Geneva on August 23, 2007, in two copies in Russian and English, both texts being equally valid.

Mayor

UNICEF Representative