

## Memorandum of Understanding

The Undersigned, National Coordinators (NCs) on State of the World Animal Genetic Resources of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and other countries have convened a meeting in FAO headquarters in Rome on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004, on the occasion of the Third Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group in Animal Genetic Resources.

According to AnGR process in the world it is necessary to approve information for all countries and coordinate process. But unfortunately there are no modern database, information network and sustainable AnGR programs in our countries. For this reason there is no opportunity for exchange of information between countries. Establishment and coordination of network will promote development of AnGR monitoring programs and modern biotechnologies. The main purpose of this project proposal is to develop and implement strategy for each participating country for sustainable use, development and conservation of animal genetic resources. Successful development, conservation, monitoring and network of AnGR will help to develop appropriate programs and promote exchanging of information. For this reason it is necessary to establish structure which will be responsible of development, maintenance and renovation of database and network.

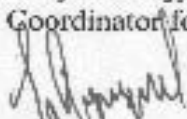
For these reasons National coordinators from the undersigns countries proposed to establish sub-regional Network which would be:

- Facilitate International information exchange of countries in AnGR including National, regional and interregional issues.
- Promote good examples in management, use and development Animal genetic resources and conservation.
- Contribute to awareness raising about AnGR
- Coordinate national initiatives at regional basis, identify needs for action mobilize resources and attract donor funding.
- Develop international information exchanging of countries in AnGR including national, regional and interregional issues.
- Exchanging of actual information and experiences according to developments and monitoring programs.

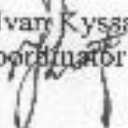
Network members decided to keep contacts through electronic network and organized at least one meeting in year.

Therefore the NCs would greatly appreciate some technical and financial assistance from the FAO side for revising and developing project proposals and aims.

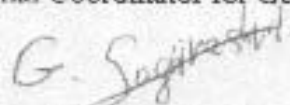
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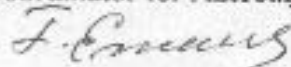
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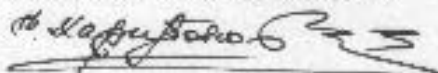
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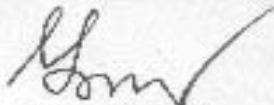
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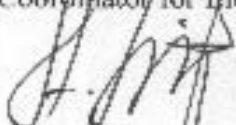
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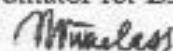
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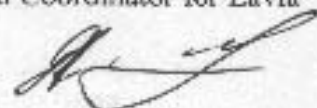
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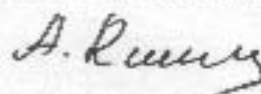
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