Memorandum of Understanding Between

Legal Entity of Public Law – Teaching University, Batumi State Maritime Academy and Karadeniz Technical University

For the purpose of improving the level of teaching and scientific-research work and making contribution to further development of modern maritime education, LEPL – Teaching University, Batumi State Maritime Academy (BSMA) and Karadeniz Technical University, (KTU) enter into MOU in the following fields:

In the field of the scientific-research work BSMA and KTU are obliged:

- 1. To carry out scientific research together and publish the received results;
- 2. To carry out joint scientific conferences, symposiums, seminars and workshops;
- 3. To organize joint specialized and complex maritime scientific expeditions;
- 4. To elaborate and publish joint scientific work, text-books and methodic text-books:
- 5. To try receiving grants for joint scientific research and projects;
- 6. To publish joint collection of scientific articles (magazines);

In respect to educational work BSMA and KTU are obliged:

- 1. To render mutual assistance in organization of educational process;
- 2. To exchange lecturers/instructors for improving their qualifications, composing course of lectures, text-books and monographs, writing manuals, participation in scientific-research work and process of studies of the hosting educational institution:
- 3. To arrange students and specialists exchange programmes;
- 4. To render mutual assistance in providing scientific, training and methodic literature:
- 5. To render mutual assistance in provision post-graduate training and retraining of certified maritime specialists in training centers of hosting institution;
- 6. To practice creation of joint students' crews in arranging the sea-going training practice;
- 7. To contribute to incorporation of programme of distance learning;

In the field of culture and sport BSMA and KTU students are obliged:

- 1. Systematically conduct co-operative cultural and sport activities;
- 2. Organize co-operative BSMA and KTU-SDBF students' recreation programmes.

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Condition of validity of the MOU

- 1. The MOU comes into force since the day of signing by both parties and is in force during 5 (five) years. The present MOU will be automatically prolonged for the following five years if no party informs the other one about termination of MOU in the written form not later than 6 (six) months prior its expiration;
- 2. Before the realization of each item stated above in this protocol, each side (Faculties) is obliged to have a mutual agreement of a written consent related with it.
- 3. Any changes and supplements must be included into the MOU by consent of both parties.

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Signatures and Stamps of the Parties

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