

## MEMORANDUM

We, the undersigned representatives of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia and Russia, present in the village of Chiora, Georgia on August 06, 2006, express our adherence to the principles of the sustainable development of mountain areas, and considering the experience and centuries-old social-economic and cultural relations among various regions of the Caucasus, express our willingness to collaborate in the framework of establishment of the **ALLIANCE OF MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES OF THE CAUCASUS**.

We apply to international organisations, governments of the Alpine Convention countries and governments of the Republic of Armenia, the Azerbaijan Republic, Georgia and the Russian Federation with a request to support in implementation of the goals of the Alliance addressing social, economic and environmental problems at the local level and promoting mutually beneficial transboundary cooperation and exchange of experience in the Caucasus.

Representatives of mountain communities of:

<b>The village of Sis</b>	Şamaxı rayonu, Azerbaijan
<b>The village of Yeniyoł 2</b>	Ismayılı rayonu, Azerbaijan
<b>The village of Shvanidzor</b>	Meghri District, Syunik Marz, Armenia
<b>The village of Yelpin</b>	Eghegnadzor District, Vayots Dzor Marz, Armenia
<b>The community of Shatili</b>	Dusheti District, Mtskheta-Mtianeti Region, Georgia
<b>The village of Chiora</b>	Oni District, Racha-Lechkhumi Region, Georgia
<b>The village of Stur-Digora</b>	Iraf District, Republic of the Northern Ossetia-Alania, the Russian Federation
<b>The village of Elbrus</b>	Elbrus District, Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria, the Russian Federation

***Chiora, Georgia, August 6, 2006***