MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Connecting Natural Values and People Foundation (CNVP)

And

Regional Centre for Forestry and Rural Development (REFORD)

On the Third General Assembly (GA) of the Regional Centre for Forestry and Rural Development (REFORD) held in Berovo, Macedonia, from 3rd till 5th October 2012, the role of CNVP and its connection with REFORD was presented.

It was decided that in future CNVP will not be a REFORD member. The main reason for this is that REFORD is representing the Private Forest Owners and Communal Forest Users, while CNVP is supporting private and communal forestry through its program activities. To avoid conflict of interest in providing support to REFORD and its members, it was decided CNVP not be a member of REFORD.

However, CNVP in the future will continue to support REFORD and its members through its programme activities. Therefore CNVP and REFORD will become partners and cooperate in their joint effort to support private and communal forestry in the Balkan region. The following areas of cooperation are identified within this MoU:

- CNVP will support REFORD with building its networking role;
- CNVP will support REFORD with technical secretariat (communication, networking, administration, etc.);
- CNVP will provide support to REFORD and fulfill the technical secretariat role in support to the REFORD Board and its President and act accordingly under the authority of the REFORD Board and General Assembly;
- REFORD and CNVP, as partners can apply for future projects in mutual interest.

The goal of this working relationship is to enhance the missions of both organisations by leveraging their activities. Cooperation in the areas numbered above can be accomplished by providing this MoU mechanism for cooperative efforts in areas of interest to both organizations as specified above or any other activity as deemed necessary by both organisations. Thus, when specific cooperative opportunities will be identified and specified, they can be assessed and undertaken with minimum barriers and maximum rewards.
Binding agreements will be executed, as necessary, to implement projects that involve a specific commitment of REFord and CNVP.

This MoU is valid from 29 March 2013 and up and until further notice of one of the partners. The MoU will be reviewed and adapted as deemed necessary annually by REFord and CNVP.

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