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## **PROTOCOL**

### **On Amendments to the Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus on Equal Rights of Citizens of December 25, 1998**

The Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

Reaffirming their commitment to the obligations assumed under international treaties concluded between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, including the Treaty on the Creation of the Union State of December 8, 1999,

In order to ensure equal rights of citizens in the territory of the Union State to elect and be elected to local government bodies

have agreed as follows:

#### **Article 1**

To amend the Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus on Equal Rights of Citizens of December 25, 1998:

1) to supplement Article 1 with the second paragraph of the following content:

“Citizens of one Contracting Party permanently residing in the territory of the other Contracting Party shall have the right to elect and be elected to local government bodies in the territory of the of this Contracting Party.”;

2) in Article 5, replace the word “residence” with the words “residence (residence permit)”;

3) in Article 9, delete the words “during 1999”;

4) set out Article 10 as follows:

“Article 10

The Contracting Parties shall take the necessary measures to ensure the implementation of decisions of the bodies of the Union State to ensure equal rights of citizens of Russia and Belarus.”

## **Article 2**

This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of receipt through diplomatic channels of the last written notification of the Contracting Parties’ completion of the domestic procedures necessary for its entry into force.

Done in Moscow on March 13, 2025, in two copies in the Russian language.

**For the Russian Federation**

**For the Republic of Belarus**