

MEMORANDUM OF CO-OPERATION

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

AND

THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

**ON STRENGTHENING OF CO-OPERATION IN THE AREA OF THE INTERNAL
CONTROL**

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo through the Police Inspectorate of Kosovo as competent organizational units to perform activities in the area of internal control and The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Albania through the Service for Internal Affairs and Complaints.

- In the context of the European perspective of the two countries,
- Guided by the desire for further fostering of bilateral co-operation in the context of internal affairs in the area of internal control,
- In the interest of security of citizens of the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Kosovo in the view of more efficient fight against corruption within police lines and the respect of the corpus human rights and freedom,
- Based on the existing bilateral agreements and international law, as well as within the national law, of respecting states in the context of their co-operation, intend to do the following:
 1. Improve the co-operation in the view of the work of internal control services of the two countries in order to fight corruption in police more efficiently and to respect human rights and freedom.
 2. The co-operation shall cover preventive and repressive action in the view of repression of corruptive behavior of State Police with special emphasis on repressing the involvement of employees of State Police in organized crime,

trafficking in human beings and illegal migration, smuggling of migrants, repression of illicit production, transport and trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, as well as respect of human rights and freedom, pursuant to the law.

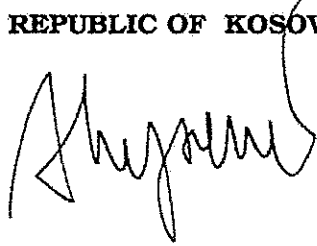
3. For the purpose of the strengthening the cooperation, the Ministries intend to implement the following activities:
 - a) Regular exchange of information and experience during expert meetings;
 - b) Direct cooperation and mutual support in the area of assistance and capacity building as the main tools against corruption.
 - c) Joint training measures, noticed that education, vocational training and anti-corruption research are the main component to build and enhance the anti-corruption capacity.
 - d) Joint operational actions for detection, documentation and stroke of unlawful activity perpetrated by policies officer of our country.
4. Third countries may participate in the cooperation between the two Ministries having received invitation to this end, especially other countries – European Union member states, states in the process of accession and states with EU membership candidate status and EPAC member states.
5. The Ministries intend to continue the implementation of joint projects which are under way and when necessary and depending on the possibilities to initiate new projects within regional and European cooperation.
6. The co-operation shall encourage approximation of the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Kosovo towards the norms and standards of European Union; the cooperation is to be developed appropriately to and the same shall develop appropriately to the progress of the two countries in achieving the norms and standards of policing based on EU standards in general and European Code of Police Ethics in particularly.
7. The Ministries express their readiness to extend the cooperation to other areas within their competence if necessary, as well as to develop new forms of cooperation.

8. Upon signing this Memorandum of Cooperation, representatives of the two Ministries shall specify details for the implementation of this Memorandum of Cooperation.
9. The Directors in charge of respective Internal Control Services are the responsible persons for the implementation of this Memorandum by signing protocols and other operational and legal documents.
10. The Ministries intend to make evaluation and if necessary, improve the cooperation at ministerial and expert meetings.

This Memorandum shall enter in the force on the day of its signing.

Signed in TIRANA on 23/03/2015 in two original copies, in Albanian, English and Serbian, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the Albanian version shall prevail.

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