

Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo
and
the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Finland
on police cooperation in preventing and combating crime

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo and the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Finland ('Participants'),

with the intention of contributing to the development of mutual relations,
convinced of the substantial importance of police cooperation in effectively preventing and combating crime, in particular organised crime,
aiming to complement police co-operation between the competent authorities,
have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1

The Participants will cooperate in preventing and combating serious crime, in particular through the exchange of information and experience, in accordance with the national legislation and international obligations of their respective States.

Paragraph 2

The Participants will enhance cooperation in order to prevent and combat crime in the following areas of serious crime:

- a. organised crime;
- b. terrorism and its financing;

- c. trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants;
- d. sexual abuse and exploitation of children and child pornography;
- e. cybercrime;
- f. trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as well as precursors thereof;
- g. illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms ammunition and components as well as explosive, chemical, biological, radioactive and nuclear materials;
- h. illicit possession and transport of and trade in stolen objects of cultural and historical value;
- i. forgery or falsification of money, means of payment, travel documents and other official documents;
- j. money-laundering;
- k. corruption
- l. different forms of economic and financial crime; and
- m. other forms of serious crime and cross-border crime.

Paragraph 3

- (1) The Participants will enhance the exchange of information and experience on:
- a. the provisions of law and regulations relating to the different forms of crime listed in paragraph 2;
 - b. criminal acts committed or illegal activities carried out on the territories of their respective States by the nationals of the other Participant;
 - c. special investigative techniques such as controlled deliveries, surveillance and undercover operations;
 - d. crime-prevention programmes; and
 - e. other aspects of mutual interest with a view to preventing and combating serious crime.
- (2) The Participants will jointly decide on the organisation of seminars or training courses for the purpose of exchanging information and experience.

Paragraph 4

(1) A request for cooperation will be made in a written form. English is used as the language of communication. A request may be transmitted electronically if possible in the light of the contents of the request. In urgent cases the request may be made orally, followed by a written confirmation as soon as possible.

(2) A request will contain:

- a. the details of the competent authority requesting cooperation and, if known, indication of the receiving authority;
- b. where applicable, a summary of the circumstances of the case relating to the request;
- c. the purpose of and reasons for the request;
- d. to the extent possible, details of the information sought;
- e. the date by which the information is needed; and
- f. further information which may be relevant for the purpose of replying to the cooperation request.

(3) Each Participant will designate a competent authority as a contact point to implement this Memorandum of Understanding. The Participants will inform each other of the competent authorities and their contact details in writing.

Paragraph 5

The Participants may jointly agree on posting of police liaison officers to their territory for limited periods of time.

Paragraph 6

Each Participant will cover its costs arising from the cooperation.

Paragraph 7

- (1) A request may be refused, in full or in part, if compliance with the request is considered to impair national security or public order or other public interests, or if the request is not in conformity with the national legislation or international obligations of the requested Participant.
- (2) The representatives of the requested Participant will promptly inform the requesting Participant of the reasons for refusal in writing.

Paragraph 8

- (1) Any information received in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding will be used solely for the purposes specified in the relevant request for cooperation or reply to such request, and will be subject to any specific conditions determined by the provider of the information. Any other use of the received information requires a prior written consent of the other Participant.
- (2) Such consent will be given in accordance with the national legislation and international obligations of the Participant.

Paragraph 9

- (1) This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to supersede national law or international obligations by which the Participants are bound. The Participants will notify each other in case of any conflict arising from this Memorandum of Understanding.
- (2) Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of understanding will be settled through mutual consultations between the Participants.
- (3) This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by a mutual written consent of the Participants. Such amendment or supplement is an indispensable part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Paragraph 10

- (1) This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon its signing.
- (2) This Memorandum of Understanding is valid for an undetermined period of time. It may be terminated by either Participant by means of a written notice. This Memorandum of Understanding will cease to be valid 90 days after the date of receipt of such written notice. The termination of this Memorandum of understanding will not affect the execution of pending requests for cooperation.
- (3) This Memorandum of Understanding is not eligible for registration under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Done in Helsinki on October 2 2013 in two originals in English, Albanian and Serbian languages. In case of divergence in the interpretation of this Memorandum the English version shall prevail.



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