

## Acuerdos Bilaterales

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Nombre de Acuerdo: Cooperation Agreement between the General Secretariat of The Organization of American States and The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta.

Materia:

Partes: GS/OAS & Order of Malta.

Referencia: Malta

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Cierre del proceso:



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THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT: the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (hereinafter referred to as GS/OAS), represented by its Secretary General, Mr. José Miguel Insulza, and the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, also known as Sovereign Military Order of Malta (hereinafter referred to as Order of Malta, represented by His Excellency Jean-Pierre Mazery, Grand Chancellor of the Order of Malta;

Bearing in mind that the Organization of American States proclaims the fundamental rights of the individual and encourages the promotion of those rights;

Considering that the Order of Malta promotes assistance to the poor and the sick, without distinction of creed, race or religion, through medical and social services;

Considering that one of the functions of the GS/OAS is to establish relations of cooperation to promote the principles of the Organization;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Cooperation

The GS/OAS and the Order of Malta will cooperate in matters of common interest to the Americas. Cooperation shall take place especially in the following areas:

- i. Promotion and dissemination of international human rights;
- ii. Promotion and dissemination of international humanitarian law;
- iii. Measures to provide medical and social assistance, and measures to fight poverty, hunger, narcotrafficking, human trafficking, transnational organized crime and terrorism; and
- iv. Joint sponsorship of conferences, seminars, and other meetings on topics of common interest.

For purposes of such cooperation, the Parties will carry out joint projects, for which they shall conclude supplementary agreements or memoranda of understanding in accordance with the guidelines established in this agreement.

Any financial obligations incurred by the Parties as a result of this Cooperation agreement or supplementary agreements or memoranda of understanding that may be signed shall be subject to the decisions of their governing bodies, the availability of

funds, and to the standards, rules, and regulations relating to budgetary and financial matters.

## ARTICLE 2

### Reciprocal Consultations

The Parties will consult with each other on a regular basis concerning their plans of action and other matters that may be of mutual interest in order to accomplish their objectives and coordinate their respective activities.

## ARTICLE 3

### Exchange of Information and Documents

The Parties will exchange, on a regular basis, information and documents on matters of common interest.

The Parties recognize that certain restrictions will need to be applied in order to maintain the confidentiality of some information that, if provided, may jeopardize their relationship with Governments, entities, or persons from whom that information may have been received.

## ARTICLE 4

### Reciprocal Invitations

Both Parties may invite each other to participate at conferences or meetings held by each other, in accordance with their existing rules and when such meetings address matters of common interest.

## ARTICLE 5

### Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute that arises with regard to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through direct negotiation between the Parties. Should the Parties fail to reach a settlement that is satisfactory to both, they shall submit their differences to a mutually agreed arbitration procedure.

This shall not signify a waiver by the GS/OAS and the Sovereign Order of Malta of their privileges and immunities under any agreements that are pertinent.

## ARTICLE 6

### Amendment

Amendments to this agreement may only be made by mutual consent in writing. The instruments recording the amendments shall be appended to this agreement and become part of it.


ARTICLE 7

Entry into Force and Denunciation

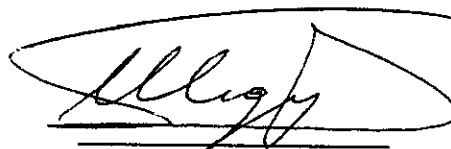
This agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties. However, the Parties may denounce it by written notice to the contrary at least (3) three months prior to the date on which they wish to terminate it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the duly accredited representatives of the Parties sign this Cooperation Agreement in two originals in English, in the city of Washington, D.C., on April 13th, 2006.

For the Order of Malta

  
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H.E. Jean-Pierre Mazery  
Grand Chancellor

For the General Secretariat  
of the Organization of  
American States

  
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José Miguel Insulza  
Secretary General

