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Partes: SG/ Secretariat General of the Council of Europe

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THIS Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into between the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe, an International Intergovernmental Organisation with its headquarters situated on the Avenue de l'Europe, 67075 Strasbourg, France, and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (the "OAS"), an international public-sector organization with its headquarters at 1889 F Street, N.W., Washington DC 20006, USA, jointly referred to hereafter as the "Parties".

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Secretary General of the OAS, WELCOMING the shared values that underlie and guide the activities and the similar objectives that the two organisations have set themselves;

CONVINCED that closer co-operation between the Council of Europe and the OAS will serve these objectives and offer added value to their respective activities;

AFFIRMING that a strengthened framework for co-operation will increase both organisations' influence, serve as a source of inspiration, and facilitate sharing of expertise and joint projects;

HAVING regard to the exchange of letters of November 13, 1987 between both Organizations Secretary Generals agreeing on deepening cooperation on matters of common interest;

AFFIRMING the importance of coordinating the efforts of both Parties to attain their common objectives and desirous to collaborate and cooperate in areas of mutual interest;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article I

OBJECTIVE AND AREAS OF COOPERATION

- 1.1 The objective of this MOU is to strengthen the cooperation between the Parties by setting up a new framework of cooperation and designing the priority areas of common concern.
- 1.2 The Secretariat General of the Council of Europe and the General Secretariat of the OAS agree to co-operate in areas of common concern and design the following matters as priority areas in which co-operation should be developed:
 - human rights protection, development and awareness raising;
 - freedom of the media, data protection, information society and internet governance;

- women's rights, elimination of violence against women and fight against trafficking in human beings;
- children's rights and the rights of persons with disabilities
- social cohesion;
- democracy building electoral matters, , good governance and civil society,
- conflict prevention and management, post-conflict rehabilitation,
- rule of law: strengthening the judiciary, fighting terrorism and transnational organised crime, corruption and cybercrime;
- reducing the production, trafficking and use of illegal drugs;
- promoting international legal standards, in particular by exploring the opportunity for each organisation to encourage accession by its members to selected conventions [or legal instruments] adopted by the other organisation.

and any other areas of common interest that may be defined in the future by both Parties by means of a supplementary arrangement in accordance with Article VI .

Article II

MODALITIES FOR CO-OPERATION AND VISIBILITY

- 2.1 The Parties shall designate a contact point in each organisation for the coordination of implementation of this MOU and for institutional contacts with the other Party.
- 2.2 Where appropriate, the Parties shall invite each other, subject to the regulations and procedures in force in each organisation, to be represented at meetings of their respective committees, working groups and other bodies.
- 2.3 The Parties shall take steps to maximise the visibility of their joint actions

Article III

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

- 3.1 The Parties agree to submit for the approval of their respective governing bodies, subject to the regulations of each respective institution, any financial obligation to be incurred as a result of implementation of this MOU in accordance with their budgetary and financial regulations.

Article IV

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 The Parties agree to exchange information on matters of common interest and particularly those areas mentioned in Article 1.2, subject to arrangements that may be required to preserve the confidential or restricted nature of certain information and documents.

Article V

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

- 5.1 Nothing in the present MOU shall be interpreted as a waiver by the Council of Europe or by the OAS of the privileges and immunities which they enjoy by virtue of the relevant agreements and laws on the subject and general principles of international law.

Article VI

SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS

- 6.1 The Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Secretary General of the OAS may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this MOU as may be found necessary, provided that they do not have budgetary implications and do not create legal obligations for the Parties which go further than this MOU.

Article VII

AMENDMENTS

- 7.1 This MOU may be amended with the consent of both Parties. Any amendments shall be notified in writing and the instruments expressing these amendments shall be appended to become an integral part of the MOU.

Article VIII

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- 8.1 Any dispute between the Parties relating to the interpretation and/or application of this MOU shall, failing a friendly settlement, be referred to arbitration according to the procedures laid down in Rule 481 of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, approved by the Committee of Ministers.

Article IX

ENTRY INTO EFFECT

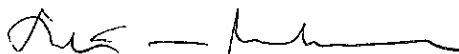
- 9.1 This MOU replaces the 1987 official exchange of letters on furthering liaison and co-operation between the two Secretariats and shall enter into effect as of the date of its signature by the duly authorised representatives of the Parties.

Article X

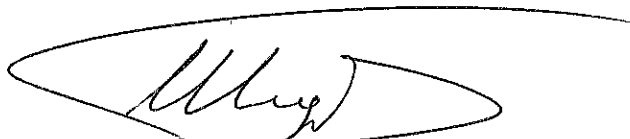
TERMINATION

- 10.1 Each Party may terminate the present MOU with a three months prior notice to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the duly authorised representatives of the Parties have hereby signed the present MOU in two equally authentic originals at the place and on the dates indicated below.



Thorbjørn JAGLAND,
for the Secretariat General
of the Council of Europe



Jose Miguel INSULZA,
for the General Secretariat
of the Organization of American States

Date: *Sept 19, 2011*

Place: *New York*