

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES**

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into force between the Government of the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter referred to as "Serbia") and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (hereinafter referred to as "GS/OAS"), jointly referred to hereafter as the "Parties".

WHEREAS, the GS/OAS seeks to advance regional cooperation among its members through the promotion of democracy, the protection of human rights, and the advancement of multidimensional security and integral development.

WHEREAS, Serbia respects the values and principles of the OAS, wants to contribute to the strengthening of democratic values of the Organization, and its respect of human rights and mutual understanding between countries and regions; and wishes to enhance its contribution to democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean region.

CONSIDERING, the Parties have been collaborating since 2002 in areas of common interest, as evidenced by the Organization of American States granting the Republic of Serbia the status of Permanent Observer through Permanent Council Resolution CP/RES. 825 (1338/02),

NOW, THEREFORE, desiring to strengthen relations between Serbia and GS/OAS, to promote friendly cooperation, and to establish a mutually beneficial partnership, the Parties have reached the following understanding:

Article I

OBJECTIVES

1. Through this Memorandum, Serbia and GS/OAS wish to develop a framework for dialogue and cooperation in areas of common interest in the Latin America and Caribbean region.

Article II

AREAS OF COOPERATION

1. Cooperation will particularly address the priorities established by both sides, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a) Strengthening of democracy; and
 - b) Outreach programs to promote democratic values.

Article III
PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

1. Serbia shall contribute a minimum of US\$20,000 annually to programs of GS/OAS in the above areas, beginning in 2011, supporting the Lecture Series of the Americas and OAS Policy Roundtables, and the Strengthening of democracy through electoral cooperation.
2. This MoU defines following working principles:
 - a) Conducting consultative meeting, where discussions will take place on policy matters of common interest and on the identification of future projects to support;
 - b) Promoting the reciprocal exchange of information and best practices;
 - c) Informing the public of cooperative efforts.

Article IV
GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

1. The Parties shall keep each other informed of all relevant activities pertaining to this collaboration and shall hold consultations annually in order to evaluate progress in the implementation of this MoU and to revise and develop new plans for prospective joint activities.
2. The Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations of the GS/OAS may submit project recommendations in relevant fields to Serbia through the Office of the Permanent Observer to the OAS. Serbia may also propose projects to be financed. The implementation of proposed projects shall be the responsibility of the relevant GS/OAS dependency.
3. To carry out confirmed projects, the Parties shall jointly clarify in details the respective responsibilities and obligations of each Party for each specific projects through an exchange of letters, consistent with Serbia and GS/OAS regulations, rules, policies and practice.
4. The Parties shall refrain from any action that may adversely affect the interests of the other Party and shall fulfill their commitment with fullest regard for the terms and conditions of this MoU.

Article V
FINAL PROVISIONS

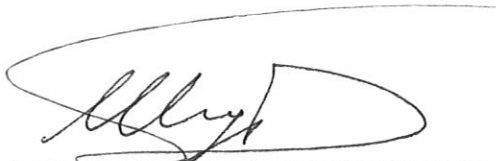
1. This MoU shall enter into force upon signature by the Parties and will remain in effect until either Party gives a one month prior written notice of its intent to terminate the MoU without the need of indicating a cause for that.
2. Any dispute or complaint that may arise in conjunction with the interpretation or application of this agreement shall be settled by direct negotiations between the

Parties. If the Parties are unable to reach a mutually satisfactory solution, they shall submit the matter to a mutually agreed upon procedure of arbitration. The decision shall be final and binding and not subjected to appeal.

3. Nothing in this agreement constitutes an express or implied waiver of the privileges and immunities of the Parties, their organs, their personnel, and their assets, in accordance with the law and the general principles and practices of international law.
4. Any notice required to be given by either Party under this MoU shall be given in writing to each party's focal point, as follows:

For GS/OAS	For Serbia
The Department of International Affairs/SER General Secretariat Washington, D.C.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Belgrade, Serbia

1. The undersigned duly authorized representatives of GS/OAS and Serbia have signed this MoU in two (2) original copies in the English language.



José Miguel Insulza
Secretary General
Organization of American States



Vuk Jeremic
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Serbia

Lima, Peru, 6 JUNE 2010