

International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program



Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association (SEPCA)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE TRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (USDOJ/ICITAP) AND

THE SOUTHEAST EUROPE POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION ON ENHANCING COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP

The United States Department of Justice's International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program and the Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association (hereinafter each referred to individually as a "Participant" and collectively referred as "the Participants") have reached the following Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "the MOU"):

Article 1 Purpose

Article 2 Points of Contact

The Participants intend to direct contact between the respective official representatives and to identify a point of contact to coordinate the application of this MOU. It is envisaged that these contacts may be in the form of person-to-person contact, telephone and fax communication, and any other means deemed appropriate by the Participants. This may include the routine and informal exchange of official representatives in order to ensure efficient cooperation in the matters of mutual interest. A Participant may change the designated point of contact upon written notification thereof to the other Participant.

Article 3 Exchange of Information

The Participants, in accordance with respective requests, intend to exchange information and assistance in taking the necessary steps to foster the cooperation and partnership within the areas of mutual interest. The exchange of information may take place between the designated points of contact, and, as the points of contact consider appropriate, may include direct exchanges of information with the law enforcement agencies identified. The Participants intend to provide each other with information, in a manner consistent with relevant laws, regulations, and policies.

The Participant providing information may request that it be used subject to conditions. If the receiving Participant cannot comply with such request it is to notify the providing Participant, which is to then determine whether the information nevertheless should be provided.

Article 4 Exchange of Expertise

The Participants intend to exchange experience, expertise and analyses by participating in seminars, training courses and other meetings, and by facilitating visits of experts, law enforcement authorities and administrators in the areas relevant to matters of mutual interest.

Article 5 Mutual Consultation

The Participants intend to consult on matters of common interest for the purpose of meeting their objectives and coordinating their respective activities. Where appropriate, consultation is to be arranged at the required level between representatives of the Participants in the most effective way to organize particular activities and to optimize the use of their resources in compliance with their respective mandates.

Article 6 Confidentiality and Data Protection

All that constitutes the subject of the exchange between the Participants, as well as information on the scope of the actual fact of their cooperation, is intended to be sensitive and proprietary. The Participants share the high priority of preventing the unauthorized

disclosure of information exchanged in confidence pursuant to this Memorandum. The Participants intend to seek the consent of the Participant originating the information before disclosing it to third parties, subject to domestic legal requirements.

Article 7 Areas of Cooperation

For the purposes of promoting cooperation, the Participants intend to exchange the texts of laws, applicable statutes and other normative legal acts pertaining to the subject matter of this MOU.

This MOU does not impose any legal commitments on either side, and it does not create, nor is it intended to create any enforceable legal rights or private rights of legal action, nor does it affect the Participants' rights and obligations under international treaties and agreements, nor under each Participants's laws, regulations, and practices.

Article 8 Exemption

If one of the Participants considers that compliance with the request for assistance and cooperation would be prejudicial to the essential interest or against the official mission and aims of the Participant, it may refuse to comply with the request for assistance and cooperation.

Article 9 General Provisions

This MOU is scheduled to take effect on the date it is signed by the Participants. In the event the signatures are affixed on different days, then the date later in time would constitute the effective date.

This MOU may be modified by mutual consent between the Participants at any time. The Participants intend to enter into consultations with respect to the modification of this MOU at the request of either Participant.

This MOU may be discontinued by either Participant, which should endeavor to provide at least three months written notice to the other Participant.

Signed at Budva , this						day	of	19.	09.	,2011,in
two	originals	in	the	English	language.					

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