



**Republic of Serbia
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**



**Republic of Turkey
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**

JOINT DECLARATION ON COOPERATION

BETWEEN

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

AND

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

Belgrade, May 20th 2011

The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey hereinafter referred as "the Parties",

Desiring to strengthen friendly relations between the two Parties,

Being convinced in the important role of judicial authorities in the life of society,

Noting that the exchange of knowledge and experience in the legal field serves to the interests of both States,

Taking into account the international commitments, national legislation and powers of the both Parties,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall promote the cooperation in the following directions:

1. Exchange of information on legal matters;
2. Exchange of experience concerning organization and works of both Parties and the judicial authorities.
3. Organization of activities between the Ministries of Justice concerning the competence of both Parties;
4. Mutual support for training of judges, public prosecutors and the other personnel of both Parties;
5. Exchange of information in drafting laws and implementing legal provisions in compliance with the standards laid down through the international conventions to which the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Turkey are parties;
6. Cooperation in other legal and judicial matters which are of interest to both Parties.

ARTICLE 2

For the purpose of implementing the provisions of the present Joint Declaration, the Parties will set up concrete programmes of cooperation on annual basis.

ARTICLE 3

In order to settle the questions of cooperation the Parties shall develop the cooperation programmes and summarize the implemented programmes, in case of necessity the Parties shall set up expert and working groups.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties shall create conditions for direct contact and exchange of experience between judicial authorities of both sides.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties shall organize seminars and scientific conferences on issues of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 6

The Parties shall promote the exchange of experts to make researches on the issues of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 7

In conducting correspondence concerning the issues under this Joint Declaration, the Parties shall use their native language (s) along with additional translations into English.

ARTICLE 8

In the absence of other arrangements, the costs of visits shall be borne as follows: the inviting party shall bear the costs of board and lodging. The Parties shall bear its own traveling costs.

ARTICLE 9

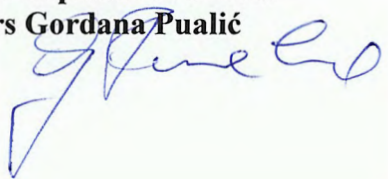
The Parties shall amend this Joint Declaration based on written mutual consent.

ARTICLE 10

This Joint Declaration of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Turkey does not have international legal effect and does not influence the competences of the ministries of justice of both parties.

Done in Belgrade on 20th May 2011 in three original language versions in two copies, each in Serbian, Turkish and English, all texts being equally authentic. In the case of any difference in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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