

**REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**

**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
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MEMORANDUM ON COOPERATION

**BETWEEN
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
AND
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

Loutraki, February 8th 2006

The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Albania (hereinafter referred as Parties),

- Aware of the importance of international cooperation and the intense need to harmonise the national legislation with international and European standards,
- Desirous of contributing to regional cooperation by developing relations between the two ministries,
- Reaffirming their determination to contribute constructively and substantially to the European integration process and the development of bilateral relations,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Goals

The Parties shall cooperate in affairs falling within their respective jurisdiction, including a comprehensive and meaningful exchange of experiences and practices, in order to

- a) harmonise national legislation with international and European standards,
- b) modernise the judicial system,
- c) educate and train the staff of the Ministry of Justice,
- d) cooperate in the enforcement of penal sanctions,
- e) cooperate in the fight against organized crime, trafficking of human beings and drugs, money laundry, corruption and terrorism.

The Parties shall agree to promote the policy and trends of European integration in their cooperation arrangements.

Article 2

Cooperation in the Harmonisation of Regulations

The Parties shall share mutual assistance in the harmonisation of regulations with the international and European standards.

The cooperation in this field shall include mutual exchange of information on legislation falling within the jurisdiction of the Parties.

Article 3

Cooperation in the Modernisation of the Judiciary

The Parties shall cooperate to introduce the international and European standards when regulating the modernisation of all segments of the judicial system, implementing the principles conducive to an efficient and independent judiciary.

Article 4

Cooperation in Education and Training of Administrative Staff

The Parties shall place special emphasis on the exchange of experiences, in order to provide high-quality education and training programs for the administrative staff of the Parties.

Article 5

Cooperation in the execution of penitentiary sanctions

The Department for Execution of Correctional Sentences of the Serbian Ministry of Justice and The General Directorate of Prisons at the Albanian Ministry of Justice shall focus on cooperation in the reform and modernisation of the execution of penitentiary sanctions imposed by the courts by judgments enforced in accordance with the international and European standards.

Article 6

**Cooperation in Combating Organised Crime, Terrorism,
Human Trafficking, Money Laundering, Corruption and
Other Related Offences**

The Parties shall act within their competences to strengthen cooperation in the struggle against organised crime, human trafficking and drugs, money laundering, corruption, terrorism and other offences which pose increasingly greater risk to the society, the curbing of which constitutes a special international interest.

Article 7

Witness protection

Cooperation in the witness protection area shall be established through a special Memorandum.

Article 8

Costs

In 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 travelling costs.

Article 9

Amendments

The Parties shall amend this Memorandum based on a written mutual consent.

Article 10

Taking Effect

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

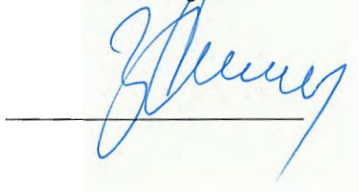
This Memorandum shall be concluded for an indefinite period of time.

This Memorandum may be terminated by either Party by a written notification to the other Party three (3) months from the date of the said notification.

Done in Loutraki on February 8th 2006, in two originals, each in Serbian, Albanian and English, all texts being equally authentic. In the case of any difference in interpretation, the English - language version shall prevail.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Zoran Stojković



MINISTER OF JUSTICE

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