



**Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation Between  
the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria  
and  
the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Albania**

The prosecutor's offices of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Albania hereinafter referred to as "the Parties", in an effort to pay special attention to the endeavors to protect human rights and freedoms, and in view of their mutual understanding with regard to strengthening and promoting the cooperation in the fight against crime, as well as their mutual understanding on the need for effective cooperation, agreed on the following:

**Article (1)**

The Parties agree to cooperate in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation within their jurisdictions and in compliance with their legislations and commitments stemming from international legal acts.

**Article (2)**

The Parties agree, when mutual agreement has been reached, to hold meetings and consultations for the exchange of expertise in relation to their activities and to discuss issues of mutual interest.

**Article (3)**

The Parties agree, within their jurisdictions, to cooperate by exchanging information and having consultations in the preparation and implementation of requests for legal assistance and other actions, insofar as they are applicable within the scope of international legal cooperation in criminal matters.

**Article (4)**

The Parties agree to cooperate in the fields of vocational training and setting up the capacity of prosecutors in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Albania.

**Article (5)**

The Parties may exchange information that allows or contributes to the investigation or prevention of criminal activities according to the specific needs.

#### **Article (6)**

The parties agree to prepare, on mutual agreement, joint scientific research and conduct conferences and seminars on significant issues related to the prosecutor's offices of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Albania.

#### **Article (7)**

1. The parties agree to directly communicate in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding;

2. The Parties agree to cooperate within this Memorandum of Understanding via:

a. On the part of the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria: International Department at the Supreme Prosecutor's Office of Cassation.

b. On the part of the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Albania: Department of Foreign Jurisdictional relations at the General Prosecutor's Office of Albania.

The parties agree to duly notify each other in the event of any change with regard to the above departments; and

3. Each Party shall undertake, within thirty days from signing this Memorandum of Understanding, to notify the other Party regarding any addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers and emails of the employees responsible to maintain the cooperation between both Parties.

#### **Article (8)**

1. Each Party agrees to perform all necessary procedures to keep the whole information, including the received documents, confidential – in the event of a request sent by the other Party;

2. Each Party agrees to keep the level of confidentiality, as requested by the other Party, in compliance with the legislation of the respective country; and

3. The Party requesting documents and information may, in compliance with this Memorandum of Understanding, use such documents and information for purposes different than those specified in the request, without the need of prior approval by the Party providing such documents and information.

#### **Article (9)**

Each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses made during in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, unless otherwise agreed in the respective case.

#### Article (10)

All disputes related to the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved through consultations.

#### Article (11)

The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended in case of mutual understanding between the Parties.

#### Article (12)

The Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the rights and obligations arising from any other agreements of this type signed between the Parties.

#### Article (13)

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall not be limited by a particular term and shall become effective from the date of its signing;
2. This Memorandum of Understanding shall cease to be in force 60 days after any of the Parties sends a written notification of its wish to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding; and
3. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the completion of any commitments made during the term of the Memorandum of Understanding, unless agreed otherwise between the Parties.

#### Article (14)


In accordance with international law, this Memorandum shall not create rights and obligations for the Parties herein.

Signed in Sofia on September 28, 2018 in two originals each in Bulgarian, Albanian and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of any divergence in the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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