



**Republic of Serbia  
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**



**Republic of Austria  
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF  
JUSTICE**

# **MEMORANDUM ON COOPERATION**

**BETWEEN**

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**

**AND**

**FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
AUSTRIA**

**Belgrade, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2006.**

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

- Aware of the importance of international cooperation and the intense need to harmonise 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 on the following:

### *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 Ministry of Justice staff,
- d) cooperate in the enforcement of penal sanctions,
- e) cooperate in 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 will share mutual assistance in the harmonisation of regulations with international and European standards.

Cooperation in this field shall include mutual exchange of information on legislation falling within the jurisdiction of the Parties, especially exchange of information and experience on harmonization of national law with the EU *acquis communautaire*.

## *Article 3*

### **Cooperation in the Modernisation of 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.

A special focus applies to the cooperation in the exchange of experience and technical assistance on elaboration and use of the court case management system, land and business register, court publications – court edicts, legal information systems and the constitution of an IT infrastructure.

## *Article 4*

### **Cooperation in Education and Training of Administrative Staff**

The Parties shall place special emphasis on an 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**

Department for Execution of Correctional Sentences of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia and The Prison Administration of the Federal Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Austria shall focus on cooperation in the reform and modernisation of execution of penitentiary sanctions imposed by the courts by enforced judgments in accordance with international and European standards.

The exchange of experience and the technical assistance on penitentiary, pre-detention and the training of the staff lend their selves to cooperation and have to be put in concrete terms (if required).

## *Article 6*

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

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

## *Article 7*

### **Costs**

Based on principle of reciprocity and in accordance with their national legislation, the Parties will bear costs of visit resulting from the activities contained in the items of this Memorandum as follows:

The receiving party will cover the costs related to the accommodation where the visit takes place.

The sending party will cover travel expenses to and from the place where the visit takes place.

### *Article 8*

The realisation of the projects taken in view will be carried out in the context of the personnel, budgetary and organizational possibilities of both parties.

### *Article 9*

#### **Amendments**

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

### *Article 10*

#### **Taking Effect**

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the day of its signature and does not create any new legal obligations.

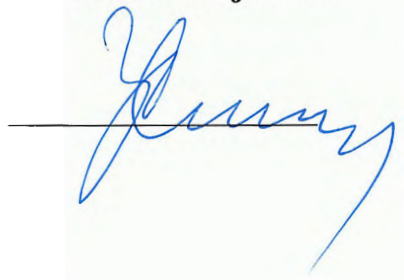
This Memorandum shall be concluded for an indefinite period of time.

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

Done in Belgrade on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2006, in 3 original language versions in 2 copies, each in Serbian, German and English, all texts being equally authentic. In the case of any difference in interpretation, the English - language version shall prevail.

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**Mr. Zoran Stojković**



**FEDERAL MINISTER OF  
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**Mrs. Karin Gastinger**

