



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
AND
THE GENERAL PROCURACY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "the MOU") made between the United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter referred to as "UNDP") and the RA General Procuracy (hereinafter referred to as "RA GP"), (jointly referred to as "the Parties").

WHEREAS the Parties will cooperate closely within the framework of the "Anti-Trafficking Programme: Capacity Building and Victims Assistance" (hereinafter referred to as "Programme") with the objective to foster the achievement of the goals and objectives of the National Action Plan for the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons from the Republic of Armenia 2004-2006 approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia on 15 January, 2004.

BEARING IN MIND the developments in the area of the organized crime and its manifestations, which have international nature, and their close relationship with such phenomena as trafficking in human beings and illegal migration, the Parties are ready and willing to cooperate in order to prevent and effectively respond to trafficking in human beings and illegal migration, as well as to reinforce and advance the stabilizing tendencies in Armenia in this field, with the objective to foster the effectiveness of the activities in the area of deterrence, prevention and prosecution of trafficking in human beings and illegal migration.

NOW, therefore, the Parties hereto agree to jointly work towards:

1. Harmonization of the RA legislation to the provisions under the UN Transnational Convention Against Organized Crime as of 15.11.2000 and Protocols thereto,
2. Study of the provisions on physical and psychological safety to the participants of the criminal proceedings, analysis of the international experience, development of proposals,
3. Study of the legislation on organized crime, analysis of the international experience, development of proposals,
4. Development and implementation of the National Referral Mechanisms,
5. Development and implementation of trainings, seminars and exchange of experience,
6. Strengthening of the regional and international relations and cooperation,
7. Institutional needs assessment (engaging local and international experts),
8. Prevention of trafficking in human beings and illegal migration.
9. Development and implementation of the strategic programs on capacity building support to the RA Procuracy;
10. Development and implementation of measures aimed at increasing efficiency of the coordination of activities of the RA Procuracy and the law enforcement authorities;
11. Fostering the transparency and disclosure of the activities of the RA Procuracy (creation of the official website, capacity building and institutional development of the Information Center, etc.);

12. Establishment of the Special Unit on Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Migration within the structure of the RA GP (institutional development, capacity building, technical assistance, etc.)
13. Establishment of the Monitoring Center (institutional development, capacity building, technical assistance, etc.) to study and analyze the current situation and developments of organized crime and its manifestations, particularly trafficking in human beings and illegal migration (establishment and maintenance of the database on vulnerable and risk groups, etc.);
14. Establishment of the Strategic Task Force on strategic issues, development and implementation of target programs countering the organized crime and its manifestations, particularly trafficking in human beings and illegal migration chaired by the RA General Prosecutor. With the purpose of fostering the activities of the Strategic Task Force the UNDP will consolidate the efforts of the interested international organizations;
15. Establishment of the Operational Task Force by the special decree in order to coordinate current activities of the law enforcement divisions and to ensure the liaison between them on the issues of trafficking and illegal migration;
16. Study and assessment of the needs of the law enforcement bodies in the area of e-governance, modern communication, information, intelligence and analytical technologies, as well as implementation via expertise of the international, local experts and the Working Group of specialists from the law enforcement agencies (in the structure of the Strategic Task Force specified under Clause 14 of this MOU) and others.

This MOU is effective from the date of signature by Parties and shall expire upon closure of the Programme. Either Party may terminate this MOU, in whole or in part, by giving the other Party thirty (30) days written notice. In the event of partial termination, such notice shall specify affected activities.

On behalf of the UNDP:

On behalf of the RA General Procuracy:



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Mr. Aghvan Hovsepyan
RA General Prosecutor



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