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Agreement
Between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus
and the Government of the Russian Federation
on Cooperation in Combating Terrorism

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as "The Parties"),

Acting according to the Joint Declaration on Further Intensification of the Relations of Friendship and Comprehensive Cooperation between the Republic of Cyprus and the Russian Federation on November 19, 2008,

Considering aims and principles of the effective international agreements on the suppression of terrorism and transnational organized crime, resolutions of the United Nations Organization and its special purpose institutions,

Recognizing terrorism as a threat to the international peace and security, to development of the amicable relations between countries, as well as to fulfillment of the fundamental human rights and liberties,

Expressing deep concern over the growth of the terrorism threat,

Disapproving all kinds of the terrorist activities unexceptionally,

Acting in conformity with the legislation of States of the Parties and their international obligations,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Subject of Cooperation

The Parties, respecting laws and international commitments of their States, through the competent authorities, shall cooperate in combating terrorism and financing of terrorism, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and other international agreements that the Parties participate in.

This Agreement does not affect issues of legal assistance in criminal matters and extradition.

Article 2
Competent and Coordinating Authorities

(1) The Competent authorities of the Parties for the implementation of this Agreement shall be:

For the Republic of Cyprus:

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- The Ministry of Justice and Public Order,
- The Cyprus Police,
- The Unit for Combating Money Laundering (MOKAS), for financing of terrorism.

For the Russian Federation:

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- The Federal Security Service,
- The Ministry of Interior,
- The Prosecutor General's Office,
- The Investigative Committee,
- The Federal Financial Monitoring Service.

(2) Each Party shall notify the other through diplomatic channels, about the alterations in the list of the competent authorities, responsible for the implementation of the Agreement.

(3) The bodies of the Parties, coordinating cooperation within the scope of the present Agreement, shall be the Ministries of Foreign Affairs. The coordinating bodies, if necessary and by mutual agreement, will arrange consultations in order to increase effectiveness of the above mentioned cooperation implemented through direct contacts and agreements between the corresponding competent authorities.

Article 3
Forms of Cooperation

1. In order to achieve cooperation in prevention and detection of terrorist acts, the Parties, in conformity with their national legislations, shall:

- 1) Upon mutual agreement, hold consultations with a view of coordinating and making the fight against terrorism and financing of terrorism more effective.
- 2) Exchange information concerning terrorist groups, their leaders and members, as well as their activities and their modus operandi;
- 3) Exchange information about financial resources of terrorist groups;
- 4) Exchange information on types of weapons, munitions, explosives and explosive devices used by terrorist groups;
- 5) Provide each other with information or data in possession that may prevent the perpetration of terrorist offences in their territory or against their nationals;
- 6) Provide each other with information in possession required for tracing a person or persons involved in committing an act of terrorism and hiding from inquiry and investigation bodies and court;
- 7) Provide each other with any information or data in possession about illicit trafficking of weapons, munitions, explosive devices, explosives, toxic substances and radioactive materials which can be used or have been used for the perpetration of terrorist offences;
- 8) Organize vocational training and upgrading courses for personnel on counterterrorism issues;
- 9) Exchange information on the curriculum and teaching programmes in law enforcement educational institutions;
- 10) Exchange analytical and conceptual materials on counterterrorism;
- 11) Cooperate in providing security measures on transportation between the Parties and for this purpose, take measures for the exchange of the appropriate information and/or experience between competent authorities;

2. The parties can cooperate in other ways that meet the objectives of this Agreement.

Article 4

Requests for assistance

1. Cooperation within the framework of the Agreement is realized on the ground of the request for assistance (hereinafter - request) of one of the competent authorities or on the initiative of the competent authority, provided that such assistance is of interest for the other competent authority.
2. Requests and replies shall be sent in writing in the official language of the sending State Party with an attached translation into the official language of the other State Party or into English.
3. The request shall contain the following information;
 - a) the name of the requesting competent authority and the name of the requested competent authority;
 - b) the objectives, the rationale for the request and the presentation of the case;
 - c) description of the contents of the requested assistance;
 - d) any other information that may be useful for the proper completion of the request.
4. The request shall be signed by the head of the requesting competent authority or his deputy and certified by seal of this organ.

Article 5

Execution of requests

1. The requested competent authority shall take all necessary measures to ensure the rapid and complete fulfillment of the request.

The requesting competent authority shall be immediately notified of the circumstances preventing the fulfillment of the request or significantly delaying the execution of the request.