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AGREEMENT

**between
the Government of the Republic of Cyprus
and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan
on cooperation in combating crime**

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Aware that international crime poses a serious threat to the development and security of their states,

Taking into account the importance of deepening and developing cooperation in combating crime, especially in its organized forms,

Guided by the principles of equality, reciprocity and mutual assistance,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

SCOPE

1. The Parties pursuant to their national laws and to the provisions of this Agreement shall cooperate in combating crime, especially in its organized forms through their competent authorities.

2. Upon the entering into force of this Agreement the Parties shall exchange within a month the lists of their competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement indicating their competence, address and other required data. The Parties shall inform each other immediately through diplomatic channels about all possible changes concerning the competent authorities.

3. The competent authorities of the Parties shall cooperate within the framework of this Agreement directly.

4. This Agreement shall not affect issues relative to the provisions of legal assistance in criminal matters and extradition.

Article 2

FIELDS OF COOPERATION

1. The Parties shall collaborate in combating acts, in particular:

- a) terrorism;
- b) crimes against the life and health of persons;
- c) trafficking in human beings;
- d) illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
- e) illegal trafficking in weapons, ammunition, explosives, nuclear and radioactive materials, other generally dangerous substances, as well as dual-use items and technologies;
- f) money laundering stemming from criminal activities;
- g) forgery of bank notes, securities and identity documents as well as their illegal use;
- h) exploitation of prostitution and crimes against sexual freedom;
- i) illegal migration;
- j) offences against tax legislation;
- k) unlawful trafficking of objects or works of art with a historical or cultural significance;
- l) vehicles hijacking and illegal operations thereof;
- m) financial offences;
- n) crimes in the sphere of information technologies.

2. The Parties shall also cooperate in providing security to:

- a) high-ranking officials;
- b) air and rail transport;
- c) road traffic;
- d) communications.

3. The Parties shall also cooperate in the field of control over manufacture, spreading and use of precursors.

Article 3 **FORMS OF COOPERATION**

1. The Parties shall cooperate in the following forms:

- a) exchange of information -which may help to detect and to prevent crimes, as well as to solve other matters in accordance with Article 2 of this Agreement;
- b) assisting in the detection of crimes mentioned in Article 2 of this Agreement by inspecting the activity of persons, organizations, institutions and companies and by inquiring persons, items and documents according to related inventories;

- c) taking joint measures towards the suppression of criminal groups and their activity;
- d) the identification of persons and mortal remains;
- e) cooperating to facilitate the controlled delivery of illicit narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in order to render possible the arrest of the person to whom they will be delivered as well as any other person involved in trafficking, provided that the necessary information is submitted within reasonable time;
- f) exchange of experience by arranging apprenticeships, seminars and consultation;
- g) exchange of legislation concerning the combating of crime, the control over precursors, information on their use, other data including issues relative to security and control over illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
- h) fulfillment of requests for assistance.

2. The volume and specific forms of cooperation may be defined by mutual agreement of the competent authorities subject to needs and conditions, as well as other particular circumstances of importance, for the parties.

Article 4 **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING** **CERTAIN CRIMES**

1. Exchange of information mentioned in paragraph 1(a) of Article 3 of this Agreement shall be referred to the crimes specified below:

- a) crimes which are being prepared or committed by groups in the territory of the state of either Party that nationals of the state of the other Party are involved in such groups or these crimes affect the interests of this Party;
- b) illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances if they are procured from the territory of the state of the one Party to the territory of the state of the other Party, as well as in transit through third countries and when nationals of the state of the one Party are involved in

illicit manufacture and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the territory of the state of the other Party;

- c) money-laundering stemming from criminal activities provided that the territory or institutions of the state of the one Party are used for these purposes by nationals of the state of the other Party.

2. The Parties shall exchange mutually beneficial information concerning detected, illegal delivery, transportation or use of precursors, measures that have been taken to detect and to suppress such activity.

Article 5 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

The Parties shall exchange information on the following:

- a) methods of committing crime by organized groups, their composition, structure, scope of activity and criminal contacts;
- b) methods of concealing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and ways of their detection, illegal transportation routes and channels, new types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances going into illicit trafficking, their properties and technology of manufacture;
- c) structure and composition of terrorist groups, methods of their activity, technical devices used at actions, terrorist actions which are being prepared and committed and persons suspected of committing terrorist action if such activity affects the interests of the state of the other Party;
- d) methods of money laundering stemming from criminal activities, organizations, institutions and companies suspected of participating in such activity;
- e) nationals of the state of either Party residing temporarily or permanently in the territory of the states of the other Party suspected of committing crimes specified in Article 2 of this Agreement;
- f) violation of the laws of the state of the one Party by nationals of the state of the other Party.