



Adopted and Signed on
20 June 2007
English

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

REGIONAL CO-OPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO IDENTIFICATION, SEIZURE AND CONFISCATION OF PROCEEDS OF CRIME

The authorised representatives from competent Law enforcement authorities from South-eastern Europe hereto,

Recalling the objectives, standards and obligations of European and other international standards in fight against economic crime, money laundering, corruption, trafficking in human beings, smuggling of persons and other forms of organised and serious crime; in particular the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism;

Reaffirming the commitments contained in the Joint declaration of the Ministers of Interior, Minister of Security and senior officials of the Governments and Administrations from South-eastern Europe, signed at Brijuni on 23 September 2005 and the endorsement of the Regional Strategy on Tools Against Organised and Economic Crime;

Acknowledging that financial gain is the main motive for cross-border organised crime;

Agreeing that targeting of proceeds of crime in combating serious crime through financial investigations leading to identification, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds of crime is an integral part of any comprehensive strategy against serious crime;

Believing that an effective fight against serious transnational crime requires increased and well-functioning regional, international and mutual co-operation in criminal matters;

Recognizing the need to strengthen the co-operation and exchange of information in South-eastern Europe in the field of identifying, seizing and confiscating the proceeds of crime;

Reaffirming the obligation to respect, in efforts to fight serious crime, the international instruments for the protection of human rights, and in particular the Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

For the purposes of the Memorandum the meaning of terms used, should be as defined in the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime.

Article 2

The parties agree to promptly exchange general information on legal provisions related to identification, tracing, seizure and confiscation of proceeds of crime and domestic legal requirements for exchange of information, data, evidence and mutual legal assistance.

The parties agree to exchange intelligence, information, data and evidence on suspect's ownership of the property, bank accounts and bank data and other information related to identification, tracing, seizure or confiscation of proceeds of crime without delay in line with the national legislation.

The information from paragraph 2 may only be used for the purpose of criminal and financial investigation, criminal procedure and confiscation of proceeds of crime.

Article 3

The parties agree to nominate contact point for exchange of information and to notify other contact points of competent authorities on any changes with update of the contact list (appendix).

Article 4

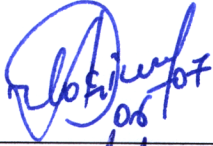




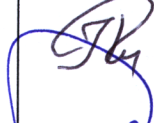
The contact list may be used by other law enforcement agencies and organisations for the purpose of establishing contact with competent authorities in cases of identification, tracing, seizure or confiscation of proceeds of crime.

Article 5

The Memorandum shall not create any legal obligations in the domestic legislation or international obligations binding on the states and shall not prevent the exchange of information or evidence on the basis of bi-lateral or multi-lateral agreements.

Belgrade, 20 June 2007

Signatures

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