



**MEMORANDUM OF CO-OPERATION  
BETWEEN THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
ARMENIA AND THE OSCE**

The Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as Prosecutor's Office) and the OSCE, represented by its Office in Yerevan (hereinafter referred to as OSCE), jointly referred to as "Parties":

Whereas the OSCE wishes to provide support to the Prosecutor's Office in bringing the legislation, regulating his activities, in fuller compliance with the international standards and enhancing capacity of the Prosecutor's Office staff;

Whereas the parties acknowledge the necessity of furthering the legislative reform process in the area of Prosecutor's Office and the civil service system therein in order to bring it in line with the recognized international standards , and transparent procedures and

Wishing to contribute in the affirmation of the supremacy of the rule of law, human rights protection and lawful interests of citizens.

Agreed on the following:

## Article 1

### *Objectives*

The objective of this MoC is to prepare an overall assessment and ensuing recommendations under the aegis of the OSCE of the reform process in the field of the Prosecutor's system. In this evaluation the Parties undertake:

- to analyse and assess the RA Law on Prosecutor's Office of 22 February 2007 and other legal acts regulating the area in light of international standards and best practices;
- to assess the practice and the implementation of the above-mentioned law in the light of the ongoing reforms that will contribute to bringing this area into fuller compliance with international best practices in the field;
- through the assessment to draw up corresponding recommendations for the required reforms.

## Article 2

### *General Framework of Co-operation*

#### 1. The OSCE shall:

- (a). Hire in accordance with the OSCE's regulations, rules and procedures an international expert to carry out the assessment of the legislative provisions and develop recommendations for further reforms;
- (b). Compile and submit the assessment to the Prosecutor's Office for consideration and comments;
- (c). Organize the roundtable with the Prosecutor's office on draft assessment report in a format agreed upon by the Parties;
- (d). Translate and publish the final assessment report.

#### 2. The Prosecutor's Office shall:

- (a). Ensure access to corresponding legal acts/decisions and to the extent possible necessary documentation and other materials required for the successful implementation of the assessment;

- (b). Organise visits to regional offices of the Prosecutor's Office and the meetings with the respective officials;
- (c). Take all the necessary actions to follow up on the recommendations and findings and to outline a timeframe to ensure the corresponding implementation thereof.

### Article 3

#### *Other Forms of Co-operation and Assistance*

The Parties agree that this Memorandum does not exclude other forms of co-operation that are not stipulated by the present Memorandum, but are in conformity with its objectives. Co-operation with other international organizations and relevant stakeholders is also welcomed.

### Article 4

#### *Co-ordination of co-operation*

The co-operation under this MoC shall be coordinated and supervised by the management of the Parties, through the delegated officials.

### Article 5

#### *Settlement of disputes*

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of the interpretation, implementation and /or application of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably through negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

### Article 6

#### *Immunities*

Nothing in or relating to this Memorandum shall be deemed a waiver, of any of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the OSCE and its officials.

### Article 7

#### *Modifications*

Amendments and changes to this Memorandum can be made upon mutual consent of the Parties and shall be defined in separate Protocols. The Protocols shall come into force upon exchanging of written notes between the parties and will form as integral part of this Memorandum.

## Article 8

### *Advertising & Copyrights*

The OSCE's contribution to the reform process shall be acknowledged in any printed material prepared in connection with the assessment where appropriate in publications, speeches, and press releases or in any similar mediums.

The name and the logo of the OSCE may be used only in direct connection with this Memorandum, and subject to prior written consent of the OSCE. The intellectual property rights including copyrights connected to the assessment shall be vested with the OSCE. The Prosecutor's Office shall be granted a royalty free, unlimited and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, the assessment for its purposes.

## Article 9

### *Entry into force and termination*

This Memorandum comes into force on the date of countersignatures by the Parties and can be terminated by serving three weeks written notice by any of the Parties.

The Memorandum is signed on 24 August 2011 in Yerevan in four original copies, two in Armenian and two in English. Both texts have equal legal force. Should any disagreement arise in interpretation of the provisions of the Memorandum, the English version shall prevail.

For the OSCE



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For the Prosecutor General's Office  
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