



Police of the Republic of Armenia



Office in Yerevan

**M E M O R A N D U M**  
**on co-operation between the Police of the Republic of Armenia**  
**and the OSCE Office in Yerevan**

The OSCE Office in Yerevan (hereinafter referred to as the OSCE) and the Police of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as the Police) referred to as the “Parties”;

Whereas, the OSCE wishes to provide long term support to the Police in developing democratic policing practice in Armenia;

Whereas, the Parties acknowledge the importance of promoting trust and co-operation between the Police and the population in preventing and solving crime through community based policing;

Whereas, the Parties accept the necessity of the development of a police educational system in line with the needs of the police and public of Armenia and in accordance with international standards;

Whereas, the OSCE wishes to assist the Police in strengthening its capacity in public order management

The Parties have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

**Establishment of a working group on strengthening police public partnership**

1. Within one week after the entering into force of this Memorandum the Parties will establish a joint Police/OSCE working group. This group will, through its recommendations and coordination activities, aid the process of the adoption of a model on strengthening police public partnership applicable in Armenia, taking into account the lessons learned of the current pilot project on community based policing in Arabkir police district.
2. The working group will be co-chaired by a Deputy Head of Police and the Politico-Military Officer of the OSCE Office in Yerevan.

3. The members of the working group will be appointed jointly by the Head of Police and the Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan upon recommendation by the co-chairs of the working group.  
The Chief of Arabkir Police District, the Coordinator of the experimental Arabkir Local Police Unit and the OSCE Police Experts shall be members of the working group.
4. The members of the working group must study community based policing and community safety activities in order to enable their work in the group to be both effective and efficient.
5. Based on the activities of LPU and community policing best practices the group will develop recommendations on the introduction of a model on strengthening police public partnership that is applicable in Armenia.
6. An interim progress report will be discussed with the Head of Police and the Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan three months after the establishment of the working group.
7. A final report with recommendation will be submitted to the Head of Police of the Republic of Armenia and the Head of OSCE Office in Yerevan in six months after the establishment of the working group.

## **Article2**

### **Establishment of the working group on improvement of the police educational system**

1. In order to improve the police educational system a joint Police/OSCE working group will be established within one week after the entering into force of this Memorandum. The group will draft a strategy on Police education reform based on mutual trust and co-operation between the Police and the public.
2. The working group will be co-chaired by of the Head of Training Centre of the Police and a Police Affairs Officer from the Strategic Police Matters Unit of the OSCE Secretariat;
3. The members of the working group will be appointed jointly by the Head of Police of the Republic of Armenia and the Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan upon recommendation by the co-chairs of the working group;
4. An interim progress report will be discussed with the Head of Police and the Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan three months after the establishment of the working group;
5. A final report with recommendations should be submitted to the Head of Police and Head of OSCE Office in Yerevan within six months after the establishment of the group.

## **Article 3**

### **Implementation of recommendations**

After the final recommendations of the above mentioned working groups have been agreed with the Head of the Police an Agreement of Implementation will be drafted with the Police that will outline a timeframe and respective duties of both the Police and the OSCE in implementing the recommendations.

**Article 4**  
**Public order management**

The OSCE will conduct an assessment in order to identify needs, timelines and funds needed for the assistance in public order management. The conclusions of the needs assessment will serve as a benchmark for the OSCE further assistance in this field.

**Article 5**  
**Cooperation with other organizations and states**

The OSCE will closely coordinate its assistance with the Police in order to avoid or eliminate overlaps, duplication, inefficiencies in the use of resources. The Police will likewise inform the OSCE of any police assistance related to the subject of the Memorandum.

**Article 6**  
**Other assistance**

By the request of the Police the OSCE is ready to provide any other assistance within the framework of its mandate and financial resources.

**Article 7**  
**Settlement of disputes**

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

**Article 8**  
**Modifications**

Amendment and changes of this Memorandum can be made upon mutual consent of the Contracting Parties and shall be defined in separate Protocols. The Protocols will come into force according the procedure stipulated in the Article 9 of this Memorandum, and will be its integral part.

**Article 9**  
**Coming into force and termination**

1 This Memorandum will come into force of the date on which the OSCE receives notice of completion of internal procedures which are required for its entry into force under the laws of the Republic of Armenia and is valid for uncertain term.

2. The processing of this Memorandum can be terminated six months after the diplomatic notification by Party about its intention to denounce it.

The Memorandum is signed on «        » November 2008, in Yerevan in two original copies each in Armenian and English. Both texts have equal force. Should any

disagreement arise in interpretation of the provisions of the Memorandum, the English version shall prevail.

**For the Police of the Republic of  
Armenia**

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**Police Major -General  
Alik Sargsyan  
Head of the Police of the Republic of  
Armenia**

**For the Organization for  
Security and Co-operation in  
Europe**

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**Ambassador  
Sergey Kapinos  
Head of the OSCE Office in  
Yerevan**