



MEMORANDUM

On Co-Operation and Assistance

Between the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Office in Yerevan

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as the “Ministry”), and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) represented by the OSCE Office in Yerevan (hereinafter referred to as the “Office”), jointly referred to as “Parties”,

Drawing on Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which stipulates in its Paragraphs 1 and 2 that “everyone has the right to education” and “education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms”,

Bearing in mind the process of preparation by the Advisory Committee of the “United Nations declaration on human rights education and training”,

Reaffirming the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and *seeking to build upon them*,

Welcoming the ongoing efforts for the implementation of the United Nations Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, which recognizes that adequate protection of the environment is essential to human well-being and the enjoyment of basic human rights,

Being on agreement that active support of the police educational reform is one of the essential elements to facilitate the good dynamics of the whole police reforming process,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The Parties shall promote human rights education in all educational institutions based on promotion of tolerance and participatory approach and interactive teaching methodologies.

2. The Parties shall co-operate to design effective human rights curricula and courses in formal and non-formal education spheres for students at all levels following the recommendations of the World Programme for Human Rights Education.

3. The Parties shall co-operate to improve the quality of human rights education and training where necessary through conducting independent needs assessment, provision of expert assistance and implementation of capacity-building activities.

4. Following up on the commitments enshrined in Vienna 1989 Document, the Ministry shall encourage and the Office shall facilitate the inclusion, as appropriate, of the Helsinki Final Act as a whole in the curricula of schools and universities.

Article 2

The Parties shall co-operate to strengthen the professional capacities of the newly established Public Monitoring Group for Special Secondary Educational Institutions through organization of trainings, seminars and workshops, study visits and other activities.

Article 3

The Parties shall co-operate to ensure as far as possible that persons belonging to national minorities have adequate opportunities for being taught the minority language or for receiving instruction in this language.

Article 4

The Parties shall co-operate in supporting of the Republic of Armenia Police educational reform by contributing their competency, professional assistance and expertise to the above sphere and foster formalizing of “police” profession.

Article 5

The Parties shall co-operate to strengthen democratic and inclusive student representation bodies in Armenia and to carry out activities aimed at promoting transparency at the universities to contribute to further improvement of the quality education.

Article 6

1. The Parties shall promote environmental education and awareness of a right to healthy environment, through training of the specialists and improvement and elaboration of educational materials and textbooks, and foster their inclusion as an integral part of the relevant curricula of the educational institutions.

2. The Parties shall also co-operate in providing expert assistance on environmental matters to the educational institutions.

Article 7

Within available resources the Office shall provide to the Ministry materials produced by the OSCE envisaged for dissemination.

Article 8

This Memorandum is without prejudice to any other co-operation and assistance between the Parties and by the request of the Ministry the Office is ready to provide any other support within its mandate and available resources.

Article 9

1. The Office shall coordinate its assistance with the Ministry in order to avoid overlaps, duplication and ineffectiveness in the use of resources.

2. The Ministry shall likewise inform the Office of any co-operation and assistance from other partners related to the subject of this Memorandum.

Article 10

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

Article 11

Nothing in or relating to this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the OSCE and/or its staff.

Article 12

Any changes and amendments to this Memorandum shall be made upon the mutual consent of the Parties and shall be defined in separate Protocols. The Protocols shall come into force according to the procedure stipulated in the Article 13 of this Memorandum and form an integral part of this Memorandum.

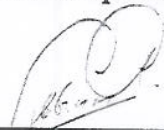
Article 13

1. This Memorandum shall enter into force from the date of its signature by the Parties and will remain in force, unless either of the Parties notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate it.

2. The termination will take effect after 90 days of the date of receipt of the notification.

This Memorandum is signed on 6 December 2010 in Yerevan in two original copies, each in Armenian and English. Should any divergence arise in interpretation of the provisions of the Memorandum, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Ministry of Education and
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