

## **CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT**

### **Between the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Interior of the Syrian Arab Republic on matters of their competence**

#### **Preamble**

The Ministry of Interior in the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Interior in the Syrian Arab Republic referred to hereinafter, as the two Contracting Parties, and based on the spirit of the friendly and the traditional relations existing between them, and desiring to organize cooperation between them on matters of their competence, and taking into consideration the international agreements, as well as laws and regulations in effect in their two countries, have agreed on the following:

#### **Article 1**

The two sides agreed on cooperation and extending mutual assistance and exchange of experience in the following fields:

A- To combat drugs trafficking and psychological substances and their illicit production and consumption.

B- To combat organized crimes:

1. To combat trafficking of arms, ammunitions and explosives.

2. To combat forging and counterfeiting of notes, documents, and valuable papers.

3. To combat smuggling of items of historical and cultural value, as well as precious stones and valuable substances and other valuable items.

4. To combat illegal international economic activities.

C- To combat crimes of international terrorism, having in mind the distinction between them and the simple of people for liberation and independence.

D- Exchange of experience and ideas to improve ways and means of maintaining security and public order.

E- To combat illegal crossing of borders.

F- To cooperate in the fields of qualifying their personnel and training of specialists.

#### **Article 2**

Cooperation between the two sides shall be carried out through diplomatic channels in the following ways:

A- Exchange of information and experience referred to in the above mentioned article (1).

B-Exchange of documents, publications and results of scientific research in sectors of mutual benefits.

C- Organize and take measures of mutual interests.

### **Article 3**

Detailed measures to execute cooperation provided for in this agreement shall be specified in executive programmes to be agreed upon by the two Contracting Parties.

### **Article 4**

Exchange of information that could be of interest to the tasks of the two ministries of interior in accordance with the laws in effect.

### **Articles 5**

Information on national legislation will be exchanged. Each Contracting Party has the right to refrain from giving any information if such information affects its sovereignty, national security, or contradicts with legislation in effect in that country. Refusal to give such information shall be given in writing. In the framework of this agreement the receiving side has no right to give the information it received to a third party before obtaining a prior approval from the party that gave the information.

### **Article 6**

The two sides cooperate in conducting scientific research, which are of mutual interest to both of them. To do these two sides study the possibility of offering special assistance in the field of data collection by special technical equipment and means.

### **Article 7**

For securing the effectiveness of this cooperation, the two Contracting Parties shall hold meetings of experts in their fields of specialization, whenever they agreed on the need to deal with urgent and special cases.

### **Article 8**

The two sides exchange through diplomatic channels, samples of travel documents, seals and kinds of new entry visas in the aim of preventing and combating illegal crossing of the borders of their respective countries.

### **Article 9**

Either Party may, for reasons of national security or public order, suspend part or all of this agreement. Such suspension or cancellation of

suspension shall be conveyed to the other party at any time through diplomatic channels.

#### **Article 10**

The validity of this Agreement is one year to be automatically renewed for a similar period each time. Either party may terminate this agreement on condition that the other party is notified in writing through diplomatic channels at least thirty days prior to its expiry.

#### **Article 11**

This Agreement shall come into effect on the day of exchange of diplomatic notes that notify its ratification in accordance with the constitutional procedures of each Party.

#### **Article 12**

This Agreement has been written on three original triplicates in the Armenian, Arabic and English languages each of which has the same validity. In case of difference in interpreting any of its paragraphs, the English copy shall be applied.

Done in Damascus on the 30 day of April 1995.

*The Agreement has entered into force on August 6, 1995.*