

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE UNITED
NATIONS OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL AND CRIME
PREVENTION

AND

THE UNITED NATIONS INTERREGIONAL CRIME AND
JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY,

REGARDING

A JOINT PILOT PROJECT
IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
GLOBAL PROGRAMME AGAINST CORRUPTION

The United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention, Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (hereinafter called “CICP”) and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (hereinafter called “UNICRI”) and The Government of the Republic of Hungary (hereinafter called “the Government”),

Aware of the threat by corruption to democracy, the rule of law and economic activity;

Drawing attention to the increasing number of international instruments recently developed to fight corruption, including the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Convention on Combating Bribery in International Business Transactions, signed at Paris on 17 December 1997, the Council of Europe Criminal Law Convention on Corruption and Agreement Establishing the Group of States against Corruption, the conventions and related protocols on corruption of the European Union as well as best practices, such as those compiled by the financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the International Organisation of Securities Commissions;

Commending the efforts in the United Nations to address the problem of corruption at the global level, including the United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions, the International Code of Conduct for Public Officials, and the ongoing development of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and protocols thereto by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/111 of 9 December 1998;

Welcoming the elaboration by the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention, Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, in co-operation with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, of a Global Programme against Corruption;

Taking into account the continuous consultations between the Government of Hungary and the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention to co-operate in the fight against corruption within the framework of the above Global Programme against Corruption;

agree as follows:

Article 1

The CICP and UNICRI and the Government, will co-operate in developing and implementing a joint pilot project in the framework of the Global Programme against Corruption, along the following lines:

- a) Organisation of a scientific expert meeting for identifying the methodology and tools for a rapid assessment in the field of corruption;

- b) Developing and carrying out a rapid assessment of the corruption situation in Hungary;
- c) Joint evaluation of the findings of the rapid assessment;
- d) Developing and carrying out a comprehensive analysis of the corruption situation in Hungary;
- e) Organisation of an international seminar to present and discuss the results of the analysis and sharing the applicable methodological tools with countries interested;
- f) Testing the transparency and monitoring mechanisms of the Global Programme against Corruption.

Once agreement has been reached by the parties on the content of the above joint activities, a project document should be formulated in accordance with UN rules and practice, containing *inter alia* information on budget, timetable and activities and respective tasks of the parties in accordance with Articles 2 and 3. The launching of project activities may begin as soon as possible subject to the availability of required funding.

Article 2

CICP and UNICRI, within the framework of the project document mentioned above, will:

- a) Make every effort to secure the necessary financial resources, including contributions from interested donors as required, and provide international expertise to support the joint pilot project in order to ensure its implementation;
- b) Carry out the activities foreseen by the joint pilot project as the CICP and UNICRI and the competent Hungarian authorities may agree;
- c) Identify, together with the competent Hungarian authorities, relevant partners for the proper co-ordination and implementation of activities against corruption.

Article 3

The Government, through the Ministries of Justice and Interior and within the framework of the above-mentioned project document, will:

- a) Provide relevant information needed in the preparation and implementation of the joint pilot project in close co-operation with the competent Hungarian authorities;

- b) Provide national expertise for developing and implementing the joint pilot project;
- c) Consult with CICP and UNICRI, as required, in priority areas relevant for the joint pilot project.

Article 4

Following the completion of the joint pilot project the CICP and UNICRI and the Government will discuss possible future forms of co-operation outlined in the Global Programme against Corruption.

Article 5

Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall imply or be construed as a waiver or modification of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations.

Article 6

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signing by the Parties.

Article 7

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by any Party by giving a written notice of one month to the other Party.

Done at Budapest, in duplicate, in English and Hungarian, on this ninth day of June one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.

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