AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

ON COOPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME AND PUBLIC SECURITY ISSUES

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Hellenic Republic (hereinafter referred to as: "the Parties"),

Recognizing the importance of developing bilateral cooperation in combating organized crime, as well as in the areas described in Article 2 of this Agreement;

Emphasizing their common interest to fight crime and ensure public security;

Willing to cooperate through the use or procurement of knowledge, experience, information, technology and scientific research and development of each Party in order to obtain the most efficient results through close cooperation in the areas covered by this Agreement;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The goals of this Agreement are to enhance, promote and facilitate the identification, prioritization and implementation of cooperation between the Parties in combating crime and public security issues in the areas mentioned in Article 2 of this Agreement.

Article 2

1. The areas of cooperation shall include, inter alia, the following, to the extent which these areas are under the competence of the implementing authorities designated under Article 11:
   a. Fight against serious and organized crime, trafficking in persons, illegal migration and cyber-crimes;
b. Fight against terrorism and its financing;
c. Fight against illegal cultivation, production, import, export, transport and trafficking in drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors;
d. Fight against forgery and alteration of any type of identity document;
e. Fight against illegal trafficking in works of art of historical and cultural heritage, precious stones and metals as well as other valuable objects;
f. Fight against illegal activities concerning weapons and explosives;
g. Fight against forgery and counterfeiting of banknotes as well as coins, credit cards, values and other valuable objects;
h. Fight against economic crimes, international illegal economic activities and money laundering;
i. Countering offences against life, physical integrity and property;
j. Investigation for missing persons and persons having committed crimes in the territory of the other Party, as well as identification of corpses;
k. Prevention of the victimization and the commission of criminal acts by minors;
l. Fire brigades, including, in major fire crises, assistance in fire fighting;
m. Public/mass events protection;
n. Investigation and intelligence for public security;
o. Science and technology, as applied to public security;
p. Emergency management of natural and technological disasters;
q. Critical Infrastructure protection;
r. Criminal analysis and Forensics.

The Parties may also cooperate in other areas of mutual interest, regarding crime in general, as agreed between them;

2. The Parties may cooperate on issues concerning the organization, functioning and security of the detention facilities, as well as on issues of correction, rehabilitation and transportation of prisoners;

3. This Agreement shall not affect the issues of legal assistance in criminal matters and extradition.

Article 3

The cooperation between the Parties shall be promoted through the following:

a. Integrating and coordinating the identification, prioritization, and implementation of joint efforts between the Parties in the area of combating crime and public security;
b. Establishing points of contact between the Parties as part of an ongoing process of dialogue and partnership in pursuing common goals;
c. Sharing of knowledge, experience, expertise, information, research and best practices which will, inter alia, contribute to the fight against organized crime;
d. Sharing of knowledge, information and assistance concerning new methods used for the manufacturing of narcotics and psychotropic substances, their international illicit trafficking, their concealment and distribution, as well as the new methods used for combating them in accordance with the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988;

e. Identifying and sharing of public safety concerns on the basis of threats, risk assessments, priorities, vulnerabilities, and consequences;

f. Facilitating technical and technological exchange of knowhow, including education, training, exercises and procurement of equipment and services;

**Article 4**

Cooperation under Article 2 (1) of this Agreement may include, among others:

a. Exchange of information, including personal data, according to Articles 5 and 6 of this Agreement;

b. Protection of information.

**Article 5**

The Parties agree to:

a. Ensure the appropriate protection of information, knowledge and expertise that is exchanged between them against any unauthorized access, alteration, publication, or dissemination;

b. Protect any information, knowledge and expertise that is exchanged between them against disclosure to any third party with the same degree of care as they each exercise with their own information, knowledge and expertise of a similar nature;

c. Information concerning non-personal data, transmitted in the framework of cooperation under this Agreement may be provided to third states and international organizations only with the written consent of the transmitting Party;

d. When information is supplied under this Agreement on request, the request for the information shall specify the purpose of and the reason for the request. In the absence of such specifications, the information shall not be transmitted.

e. Any conditions on the use of the information specified by the transmitting party shall be respected.
Article 6

1. Communicating, keeping and processing of personal data, shall be subject to the respective domestic law concerning the protection of privacy, personal data and criminal record of each Party.

2. Personal data that was transmitted under this Agreement may only be used for the purposes for which it was communicated. Such data can be used for other purposes only with the prior explicit written consent of the transmitting Party.

3. Personal data that was transmitted under this Agreement shall not be transmitted onward to third bodies or states.

Article 7

1. The Parties hereby establish a Joint Working Group (hereinafter referred to as “JWG”), comprised of an equal number of representatives of the Parties (however, in case it is necessary to join additional professional representatives it would b) be mutually agreed upon by the Parties) which will, inter alia:
   a) Assess and evaluate the state of implementation of this Agreement;
   b) Discuss future areas and phases of cooperation;
   c) Develop and approve programs and joint projects of cooperation;
   d) Agree upon exchange of delegations;

2. The JWG may establish sub-committees on different aspects of cooperation on a permanent or temporary basis, as agreed by the Parties.

3. The JWG shall convene from time to time, alternatively in Athens and in Jerusalem, as shall be agreed between the Parties.

Article 8

Each Party shall bear its own expenses relating to the implementation of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

Article 9

All communications between the Parties shall be in writing and in English.

Article 10

Any activity under this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with the national legislation of each of the Parties and without prejudice to their obligations arising from bilateral and multilateral Agreements to which they are Parties.
Article 11

1. The Parties hereby appoint, as primarily responsible for the implementation of this Agreement, the following authorities:
   a. On behalf of the Government of the State of Israel - the Ministry of Public Security;

2. The Parties shall exchange contact details of their contact points for the implementation of this Agreement within sixty (60) days from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 12

1. In the event of any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement:
   a) The Parties shall, in the first instance, make every reasonable effort to reach an amicable settlement through the JWG;
   b) In the event of failure to reach such a settlement, the dispute shall be settled by direct negotiations between the Director General of the Ministry of Public Security and the Secretary General of Public Order of the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection; or, in the last resort, through diplomatic channels.

2. During the dispute settlement, both Parties shall continue to fulfill all their commitments under this Agreement.

Article 13

The Agreement shall be amended by mutual consent of the Parties, in writing and through diplomatic channels. Amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 14 (1) and shall be considered an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 14

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day from the date of the receipt of the second of diplomatic notes by which the Parties notify each other that their internal legal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement have been complied with.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force until either Party notifies the other in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its intent to terminate it. It shall cease to be in force 90 (ninety) days from the date of such notification.

3. Upon its entry into force this Agreement shall replace the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Greece and the Government of the State of Israel on Cooperation in Combating illicit Trafficking and Abuse of Narcotic Drugs and
Psychotropic Substances and Terrorism and other Serious Crimes signed on 5 April 1995.

4. Cooperation activities already initiated in the framework of this Agreement prior to termination, shall continue until their completion.

In witness thereof, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in Jerusalem on 8 October 2013, which corresponds to the 4th day of Heshvan 5773 in duplicate in the English language

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