

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN ON COOPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of Spain hereinafter referred to as "Parties";

Recognizing the importance of cooperation and coordination in combating the production of, traffic in and abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and realizing the mutual advantages of such a constructive cooperation for both parties;

Recognizing that illicit trafficking and abuse of narcotics in all its forms poses a serious threat to the health, security and welfare of human beings, and adversely affects the economic, social, cultural and political foundations of the society;

Realizing the gravity of the situation caused by enlarged scope of illicit drug production and smuggling in the world;

Recognizing the efforts made and measures carried out by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to fight drug traffickers and to impede the entry of drugs into its territory and its transit to European countries;

Have agreed as follows:

I

The scope of this Memorandum of Understanding is the correlation in the field of combating illicit trafficking and preventing abuse of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors (hereinafter referred to as "drugs").

II

For the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding "narcotic drugs" includes substances referred to and defined in the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 30 March 1954 and the amending Protocol of 25 March 1972. The term "psychotropic substances" refers to substances defined in the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 21 February 1971, "illicit trafficking" means the activities defined in article 3 (1) and (2) of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 20 March 1988.

III

The main areas of cooperation between the parties are as follows:

- A) Supply reduction of narcotic drugs through technical and financial cooperation in order to combat drug trafficking and prevention of drug distribution;
- B) Exchange of experiences and information on:



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1. Networks and persons involved in or suspected to be involved in or arrested for illicit drugs trafficking and on new routes of illicit drug transportation;
 2. Effective education programs for the relevant personal who are involved in activities against illicit drugs trafficking and on the methods and modus operandi used by drug traffickers and in preventing drugs abuse;
 3. Methods of inspection and discovery of concealed drugs;
 4. Effective prevention programs for the reduction of criminal and adverse consequences of drugs on the health and economy;
 5. Demand reduction through, *inter alia*, treatment and rehabilitation of addicts;
- C) Taking joint measures to eliminate drug supply resources and collaborating on suppression of illicit drug productions as well as close and coordinated cooperation in international area;
- D) Applying new technical instruments as well as transferring modern technologies in detaining illicit drugs;
- E) Other areas of common interest in the field of illicit drugs;

IV

The parties will exchange the national lists of narcotic drugs psychotropic substance and other substance under control.

V

The parties shall cooperate on promotion and implementation of methods on prevention of addiction and treatment and rehabilitation of addicts, exchange of information and experiences on education and training of their personal, research and consultation on drug control and, if necessary, on the exchange of experts.

VI

The parties agree that their respective non-government organizations, which are involved in anti-drug activities, should be encouraged to implement joint projects with the coordination of the parties in line with the anti-drug campaign purposes.

VII

The information and documents obtained accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding shall be confidential and shall be used in compliance with the purposes to be determined by the delivering party. The documents and information obtained under this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be transmitted to a third party without the prior written authorization of the providing party.

VIII

In order to review periodically the situation dealing with drugs and progress made on implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and to study the current



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joint measures and recognition of new fields of cooperation, a bilateral joint committee shall be established. The Committee shall be convened within 6 months after the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding. Thereafter, the Committee shall be held alternately in the two countries. In the case of necessity, the extraordinary meetings of the Committee may be convened.

IX

The implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to sovereignty, territorial integrity and national legislation of the Parties and shall not hinder the fulfilment of their international obligations.

X

In order to guarantee the effective Cooperation in the performance of this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties agree to provide for the direct contacts between their respective competent authorities. For this purposes, competent authorities responsible for implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding are as indicated thereunder:

- A) For the Government to the Islamic Republic of Iran:
Drugs Control Headquarters
- B) For the Government of Spain:
Governmental Delegation the National Plan on Drugs

XI

Disputable questions which may arise in connection with the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved, by the Parties concerned, through mutual consultations according to the relevant norms of international.

XII

The present Memorandum of Understanding enters into force upon its signature and shall remain in the force for five years. Thereafter, it shall continue to remain in force for similar five year terms unless renounced by either Party by sending a six month advance notice to the other Party, through diplomatic channels.

Done at on in two original copies in Persian, Spanish and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of any discrepancy the English text shall prevail.

For
The Government of
the Islamic Republic of Iran
Drugs Control Headquarters

For
The Government of Spain
Delegation for the
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