



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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between

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of the Ministry of Internal Affairs
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and

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I. AIM

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is aimed at setting out the principles for the cooperation between the European Gendarmerie Force (EUROGENDFOR) and the General Inspectorate of Carabineers of the Republic of Moldova (GIC).

II. BACKGROUND

On the 10th of June 2021, GIC formally sent a letter to the Presidency of the European Gendarmerie Force declaring its willingness to apply for Observer Status in EUROGENDFOR.

In November 2021, a team composed of members of EUROGENDFOR's Presidency, PHQ, and representatives from Italy, France and Romania performed a fact-finding visit to the General Inspectorate of Carabineers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, in order to identify possible areas of cooperation between both organizations.

During the High-Level Interdepartmental Committee (CIMIN) meeting in December 2021, EUROGENDFOR Polish Presidency's proposal for the PHQ to draft a Memorandum of Understanding that **will formalize cooperation between the GIC and EUROGENDFOR**, was formally approved by all Members States.

III. INTRODUCTION

General Inspectorate of Carabineers of the of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova (GIC)

Having seat in Chişinău, MD-2012, Chişinău, Str. Gheorghe Asachi 65A, represented for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding by colonel Oleg GRAUR, the GIC Deputy Commander, and hereafter referred to as GIC

and

EUROGENDFOR

Having its PHQ seat in Vicenza, Via G. Medici 87, represented for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding by brigadier general Alin-Ionel MASTAN, Chairman of the Romanian CIMIN Presidency and General Inspector of the Romanian Gendarmerie, hereafter referred to as EUROGENDFOR

Hereinafter collectively referred to as „Participants” or individually as the „Participant”

CONSIDERING as legal framework the provisions of the „Treaty of Velsen” of 18 October 2007 on the establishment of the European Gendarmerie Force, article 4, paragraph 3 letters (f) and (g), Article 7, paragraph 3 letter (g), as well as the provisions of the status of EGF Members, EGF Observer, EGF Partner signed at Amsterdam, on the 15th of November 2007 and the provisions of the Law No.219 from 2018 on the General Inspectorate of Carabineers, article 5, paragraph (2) and the Regulations concerning organization and functioning of the General Inspectorate of Carabineers, Section III, point 16, subparagraph 17), approved by the Republic of Moldova Government Decision no. 332 from 2019,

SHARING common values in a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust,

INTENDING to develop an efficient mechanism of collaboration by strengthening the field of public order,

RECOGNIZING the respect for democratic principles and fundamental human rights, as provided for in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is the basis of the internal and external policies of the two Participants and it is an essential element of equal importance to the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding,

BEARING IN MIND the approach existing at the General Inspectorate of Carabineers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova regarding performing the process of preparation for accession as Observer to EUROGENDFOR.

IV. AGREE

on the following areas and principles of cooperation between the two Participants:

1. Identified areas of cooperation

The Participants will cooperate in the following areas:

- a) Training in common areas of competence (especially in the field of international missions);
- b) Participation in joint exercises within the scope of Crisis Management Operations;
- c) Exchange of experience and best practices in those realms of mutual interest;

- d) Advise and support in reaching readiness to contribute to EUROGENDFOR's missions;
- e) Other areas, if they correspond to the objectives and tasks of the Participants.

2. Dialogue and Liaison

The Participants will liaise on a continuing basis in order to exchange appropriate information on potential activities to be carried out under this MoU, enabling the participation of the GIC in EUROGENDFOR activities, as well as EUROGENDFOR participation in GIC activities in the areas mentioned in point 1 and defined, if required, by an ad hoc Terms of Reference (ToR).

3. Financial references

Expenses related to activities carried out under the umbrella of this Memorandum of Understanding will be agreed between Participants on a case by case approach.

4. Disputes

- a) The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the rights and obligations of the Participants, which result from other international agreements, which are binding on their States.
- b) Any differences that may arise between the Participants, regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, will be solved through friendly consultations and negotiations between the Participants.
- c) Eventual disputes related to the interpretation or execution of this Memorandum of Understanding will be solved exclusively by consultation between the Participants and will not be referred to any national or international Court or any third party for settlement.

5. Final Provisions

- a) This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature by the Participants.
- b) This document will remain effective until either Participant indicates by written notice to the other its intent to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.
- c) Denunciation shall take effect six (6) months after the date of receipt of such notice.



- d) Either Participant may, at any time, propose modifications of the Memorandum of Understanding. Changes to the Memorandum of Understanding must be approved by both Participants in written form.
- e) This Memorandum of Understanding is not an international treaty and does not create rights and obligations governed by international law.

Signed in Bucharest, within the CIMIN meeting, in two original copies, each in the Romanian and English language, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of differences in the interpretation of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, the text in English language will prevail.

Representative of
**General Inspectorate of Carabineers
of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of
the Republic of Moldova (GIC)**

Colonel
Oleg GRAUR
Deputy Commander of the
General Inspectorate of Carabineers
of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the
Republic of Moldova

Bucharest, 15th December 2022

Signature

Representative of
EUROGENDFOR
(European Gendarmerie Force)

Brigadier general
Alin-Ionel MASTAN
Chairman of the
Romanian CIMIN Presidency
General Inspector of the
Romanian Gendarmerie

Bucharest, 15th December 2022

Signature