## AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE

BETWEEN: The American Bar Association Section of Criminal Justice (CJS)

1050 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036, USA

AND: The International Association of Prosecutors (IAP)

Hartogstraat 13, 2514 EP, The Hague, Netherlands

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## The CJS

In 1878 lawyers in the United States established a professional association entitled the American Bar Association. In 1920 the Criminal Justice Section of the association was established to consider matters related to criminal law.

The responsibilities and goals of the CJS are to:

(a) work on solutions to issues involving crime, criminal law, and the administration of criminal and juvenile justice;

(b) act as a resource to its members on issues by creating criminal justice standards, publishing reports, articles and widely disseminated materials, and holding conferences dealing with current issues in criminal justice;

(c) bring together the perspective of prosecutors, defense lawyers, judges and academics in working to achieve justice.

## The IAP

Has been established since 1995 and is the first and only worldwide organisation for prosecutors with membership in over 155 countries.

On 21 May 2000 it was granted special consultative status to the Economic and Social Committee of the United Nations.

The Objects of the IAP are set out in its Constitution and include the following:-

(e) to assist prosecutors internationally in the fight against organised or other crime, and for that purpose:

to promote international co-operation in gathering and providing evidence; in tracking, seizing and forfeiting the proceeds of serious crime; and in the prosecution of fugitive criminals; to promote speed and efficiency in such international co-operation;

(h) to promote good relations between individual prosecutors and prosecution agencies; to facilitate the exchange and dissemination among them of information, expertise and experience; and, to that end, to encourage the use of information technology;

(j) to co-operate with international and juridical organisations in furtherance of the foregoing objects.

The membership of the IAP having been consulted about the establishment of a Cooperation Agreement with the CJS and no objections having been raised with the Executive Committee of the IAP and Executive Committee of the CJS having given its approval, this Agreement sets out the basis for future co-operation between the CJS and the IAP as set out in the following Schedule.

## **SCHEDULE**

- (1) Establishment of a channel of communication to facilitate exchange of mutual interest and concern in the execution of their respective functions and to fulfil future co-operation between General Counsel of the IAP and the Director of the CJS.
- (2) It is anticipated that discussions may be held regarding conferences relating to speakers, venues and issues to be addressed at a conference.
- (3) The IAP and the CJS intend to explore mutual opportunities to actively participate in events and conferences arranged by each organisation.
- (4) It is intended that this Agreement will be advertised within each organisation and promulgated through newsletters and websites as appropriate.
- (5) It is intended that each organisation may use its communication tools, including webpages, placement of hyperlinks, and electronic mail to promote projects, programming, and conferences of the other organisation.
- (6) It is intended that this Agreement will commence operation on the date it is made and shall continue until varied in writing upon review by consent between the parties. It may be terminated by either party upon 30 days' notice.
- (7) It is intended that the maintenance and review of this Agreement will be the responsibility of the General Counsel of the IAP and the Director of the CJS.

(8) It is intended that the terms of this Agreement will be reviewed within 2 years of the date it is made.

President/Secretary General

on behalf of the IAP

Chair

on behalf of the CJS