



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTORS (IAP)

AND:

THE JUSTICE EDUCATION SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (JES)

DATED: the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013

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### IAP

The IAP has been established since 1995 and is the first and only worldwide professional organisation for prosecutors, with over 155 organisational members.

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

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

- (a) to assist prosecutors internationally in the fight against organised or other crime, and for that purpose;
- (b) 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;
- (c) 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;

- (d) 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 Memorandum of Understanding with JES and no objections having been raised with the Executive Committee, this Memorandum of Understanding sets out the basis for future co-operation between JES and the IAP as set out in the attached Schedule.

### JES

The Justice Education Society (JES) of BC is a non-profit organization that was established in 1989 as the Law Courts Education Society. The Society's mission is to increase access to justice in Canada and abroad by providing public legal education & information, and by supporting the development of fair and effective justice systems.

1. JES International Program (JESIP) has been working in several regions of the world for over a decade, supporting good governance, democratic institution building, and in particular the strengthening of criminal justice systems in developing countries.
2. JES relies on the best international practices and adapts them to different countries and social contexts. Region-specific programming is developed to create expertise and capacity in the formal justice system and in civil society. JES's approach is, in all cases, to ensure that this capacity is integrated into the on-going operational work of our justice system partners.
3. JESIP includes three components: Criminal Justice Strengthening Program, Public Legal Education Program and a Public Engagement Program.

### SCHEDULE

IAP and JES agree to cooperate in the following respects:

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 the IAP General Counsel and the JES International Program Manager.
2. JES and the IAP intend to explore mutual opportunities for projects, events and conferences arranged by each organisation.
3. JES intends to explore appropriate opportunities to include IAP member prosecutors in JES international project activities. JES intends to consult with the IAP before committing them to any project activity.
4. JES intends to cover costs for travel and accommodation and per diems based on available funding for IAP member prosecutors involved in JES activities. IAP intends to seek to secure pro bono support from its member prosecutors for JES project activities where agreed.

5. The IAP and JES intend to establish hyperlinks between their websites and it is intended that each website will include brief reference material about the other organisation. Each organisation intends to use its communication tools to promote the existence, development and objects of the other organisation.
6. It is intended that this Memorandum of Understanding will be advertised within each organisation and promulgated through newsletters and websites as appropriate.
7. It is intended that this Memorandum of Understanding 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.
8. It is intended that the maintenance and review of this Memorandum of Understanding will be the responsibility of the General Counsel of the IAP and International Program Manager of JES.
9. It is intended that the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed within 2 years of the date it is made.

Signed:

**President/Secretary General** on behalf of the IAP



**International Program Manager** on behalf of JES

