

AGREEMENT

**regarding the Third Modification of the Agreement on the Establishment
and Functioning of the International Centre for Migration Policy
Development (ICMPD)**

The signatories of this Agreement, Member States of ICMPD, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties;

Appreciating the measures and actions taken by ICMPD

- to contribute to the development of innovative, comprehensive and internationally harmonized solutions to migration challenges within the framework of internationally accepted legal principles;
- to identify and further develop best practices and standards in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the migration management of States;
- to improve and facilitate regional and international co-operation in the field of migration policy and migration management, including contacts and dialogue between countries of origin, of transit and of destination;
- to promote and develop strategies to combat and to reduce irregular migration and smuggling and trafficking of human beings;
- to facilitate the establishment of sustainable and comprehensive systems for orderly migration, and
- to facilitate the exchange of information on migration-relevant data including information on countries of origin;

Recognizing that the Agreement on the Establishment and Functioning of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) of 1 June 1993 as modified and prolonged on 27 March 1996 and on 26 April 1996 is scheduled to expire on 30 April 2004;

Noting that a number of States have expressed the intention to become parties to this Agreement;

Being aware that these States are interested in the continued existence and functioning of ICMPD;

Being also convinced that ICMPD should continue its activities and that therefore it is desirable to put the Agreement on a long-term basis;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Agreement on the Establishment and Functioning of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) of 1 June 1993 as modified and prolonged on 27 March 1996 and on 26 April 1996 is amended as follows:

1. Article 8 paragraph 2 reads as follows: "A condition for the admission of other parties to this Agreement is mutual trust and common interest";
2. Article 11 is deleted;
3. Article 12 becomes Article 11 and Article 13 becomes Article 12.

Article 2

This Agreement is open for signature by Member States of ICMPD until 31 March 2004. It enters into force on 30 April 2004 for those Contracting Parties which have informed the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Austria until that date that the conditions of their constitutional law for the entry into force of this Agreement have been fulfilled. Also for those Signatories, which submit such information after 30 April 2004, the Agreement enters into force retroactively on that date.

Done in Rhodes (Greece) on 25 June 2003 in one original copy in the English language.



For the Republic of Austria

For the Republic of Bulgaria

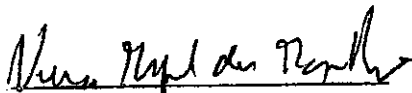
For the Republic of Croatia

For the Czech Republic



For the Republic of Hungary

For the Republic of Poland




For the Republic of Portugal

For the Republic of Slovakia

For the Republic of Slovenia



For the Kingdom of Sweden



For the Swiss Confederation