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From: European Police College
To: LEWP

Subject: Working Arrangement between the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the European Police College (CEPOL)

1. Article 8 (3) third paragraph of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA of 20 September 2005 establishing the European Police College (CEPOL) and repealing Decision 2000/820/JHA¹, reads:
"Cooperation agreements with bodies of non-member States of the European Union can only be concluded after the approval of the Council has been obtained".
2. CEPOL's Governing Board approved the text of the Working Arrangement between the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the European Police College (CEPOL) by written procedure on 8 August 2014.
3. CEPOL submitted the text of the aforementioned draft Working Arrangement for the approval of the Council on 8 August 2014.
4. LEWP is invited to agree to this draft Working Arrangement as set out in Annex with a view to submitting it to COREPER/Council for approval.

¹ OJ L 256, 1.10.2005, p. 63.

Working Arrangement

Between

**THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF
MACEDONIA**

And

**THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE
(CEPOL)**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
AND THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE**

The Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the European Police College (hereafter referred to as “CEPOL”),

Being aware of the mutual interest to enhance the effectiveness of police forces in the fight against crime, especially cross-border crime, in Europe by conducting common trainings for police officers to increase knowledge of national police systems, of European co-operation instruments and mechanisms, as well as of a wide range of specific subjects, such as counter-terrorism, trafficking in narcotics and organised crime, illegal immigration, and border control or trafficking in human beings;

Having regard Council Decision 2005/681/JHA of 20th September 2005 on the establishment of the European Police College (CEPOL), as amended by Regulation PE-CONS 59/14 of 25 April 2014;

Having regard the Council Decision 2008/212/EC of 18th February 2008 on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and repealing of the Decision 2006/57/EC ;

Mindful of the indications contained in the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council " Enlargement Strategy and Main Challenges 2013-2014", COM(2013) 700;

Having regard to the CEPOL Governing Board Decision to authorise the Director of CEPOL to negotiate a working arrangement with the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

Without prejudice to future developments in the concerned policy area which may result from the revision of the existing legal, cooperation and political framework instruments or the new future treaties;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Purpose of the Agreement and competent authority

The purpose of this Agreement is to define the relations between the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and CEPOL, and to establish the arrangements necessary to facilitate mutual cooperation. The exchange or dissemination of Law Enforcement Sensitive Data, including Personal Data, is not within the scope of this Agreement or any of its provisions. Competent authority within the Ministry of Interior for implementation of this Agreement shall be the Police Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Article 2

Areas of co-operation

The co-operation as established in this Agreement shall:

- a) allow for the participation of Senior Police Officers of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in CEPOL training sessions, and that of EU Senior Police Officers operating in the field of Justice and Home Affairs in training sessions organized by the Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;
- b) define possible supporting activities of the Police Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the organisation of CEPOL training courses;
- c) further harmonise standards on police training with regard to cross-border co-operation between police forces;
- d) enhance the exchange of best practices and grant the Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia access to the public sections of CEPOL's electronic network, defined as the sections accessible to all e-Net registered users but restricted for non registered users, under conditions of reciprocity and to the extent necessary for the achievement of the objectives mutually agreed through the present working arrangement.

Article 3

Holding meetings

CEPOL meetings may be organised in The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; costs for such meetings will be reimbursed by CEPOL, according to its rules and in particular the financial provisions applicable to Candidate Countries.

Article 4

Participation in training courses

Police Officers of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia may participate in training courses provided by CEPOL. Participants may benefit from the facilitations afforded to Candidate Countries for the attendance of CEPOL courses.

As a rule, costs for participation of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia trainees in CEPOL training courses shall be charged to the participants' sending institution. These costs shall be indicated in the invitation to the activity.

Article 5

Support for training activities of CEPOL

The Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia may contribute to CEPOL training courses by supporting EU-Member States organising CEPOL training courses; this may include the provision police experts of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for the needs of such courses. EU Senior Police Officers may also participate as appropriate parties to training courses organized by the Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Any direct costs incurred for services provided by the Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in supporting training activities of CEPOL shall be reimbursed by CEPOL according to its rules.

This Agreement does not create any specific obligation on Third Parties to attend training sessions or courses organized within its framework.

Article 6

Harmonised standards on police training

The Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia shall support the development and implementation of Common Curricula as set out in Art. 7 of the Council Decision and may integrate these into the national training programmes to the extent possible and necessary.

Article 7

Exchange of best practices, senior police officers and training officers

The Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of “The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and CEPOL shall disseminate best practices and research findings.

Relevant exchanges and secondments of senior police officers and/or senior training staff members shall be facilitated.

Continuous dialogue and exchange of best practices shall be enhanced by granting the Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of “The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” access to the public sections of CEPOL’s e-Net, defined as the sections accessible to all e-Net registered users but restricted for non registered users, under conditions of reciprocity and to the extent necessary for the achievement of the objectives mutually agreed in this Working arrangement

Article 8
National contact point

The Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia shall communicate to CEPOL the contact details of the nominated National Contact Point within one month from the date of entry into force of the present Agreement, and in any event prior to its entry into force. Any changes in that respect shall be communicated in writing to the Director of CEPOL.

Article 9
Amendment of the Working Arrangement

The Training Centre of the Ministry of Interior of “The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” or CEPOL may each propose, by means of an exchange of official correspondence, to amend this working arrangement or parts thereof. Amendments to this working arrangement shall enter into force after the respective internal procedures have been completed.

Article 10
Termination of the Working Arrangement

This Agreement may be terminated by each party with 6 months written notice.

Article 11
Entry into force / Language

This working arrangement shall enter into force on the day following the exchange of letters between the Parties.

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate each of the official languages of the Parties, each of these texts being equally authentic.
