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NOTE

From: European Police College (CEPOL)
To: Law Enforcement Working Party

Subject: Working Arrangement between the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia and the European Police College (CEPOL)

Delegations will find enclosed the text of the Working Arrangement between the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia and the European Police College (CEPOL) as approved by CEPOL's Governing Board by written procedure on 11 May 2015, and as transmitted by CEPOL to the Council.

Working Arrangement

Between

**THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE
REPUBLIC of SERBIA**

And

**THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE
(CEPOL)**

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA AND THE EUROPEAN POLICE COLLEGE

The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia 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 Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) between the Republic of Serbia and the EU entered in force in September 2013;

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 of 9 august 2014 authorising the Director of CEPOL to negotiate a working arrangement with the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia;

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 Republic of Serbia 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 Republic of Serbia for the implementation of this Agreement shall be the Ministry of Interior of Republic of Serbia. The Training partners will be the Directorate for police education, professional training, development and science within the Ministry of Interior and the Academy of Criminalistics and Police Studies.

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 Republic of Serbia 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 Directorate for police education, professional training, development and science within the Ministry of Interior;
- b) define possible supporting activities of the Academy of Criminalistics and Police Studies to 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 Directorate for police education, professional training, development and science within the Ministry of Interior the access to the public sections of CEPOL's electronic network.

Article 3

Holding meetings

CEPOL meetings may be organised in the Republic of Serbia; 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 Republic of Serbia may participate in training courses provided by CEPOL. Participants may benefit from the facilitations afforded to Candidate Countries in particular a punctual allocation of free flights.

As a rule, costs for participation of Republic of Serbia 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

Police Officers of Republic of Serbia may contribute to CEPOL training courses by supporting EU-Member States organising CEPOL training courses; this may include the provision police experts of for the needs of such courses. EU Senior Police Officers may also participate as appropriate parties to training courses organized by the Academy of Criminalistics and Police Studies. Any direct costs incurred for services provided by the Academy of Criminalistics and Police Studies 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 Directorate for police education, professional training, development and science within the Ministry of Interior may 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 Directorate for police education, professional training, development and science within the Ministry of Interior 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 Directorate for police education, professional training, development and science within the Ministry of Interior 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

A Contact Point shall be set up within the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia to facilitate the implementation of this Working Arrangement. The Contact Point shall be the single point of contact for all communication with CEPOL. Any changes in that respect shall be communicated in writing to the Director of CEPOL.

Article 9

Amendment of the Working Arrangement

The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia 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 of its signature.

<p>This day of two thousand and fifteen, in duplicate in the English language.</p> <p>Dr. Ferenc Bánfi For the European Police College CEPOL</p>	<p>This day of two thousand and fifteen, in duplicate in the English language.</p> <p>For the Ministry of Interior of Serbia</p>
<p>This day of two thousand and fifteen, in duplicate in the English language.</p> <p>Chair of the CEPOL Governing Board</p>	