

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between the Government of the Kingdom of Norway**  
**and the Government of the Republic of Moldova**  
**on the Norwegian contribution to strengthening the rule of law**  
**in the Republic of Moldova**

*The Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of the Republic of Moldova,*

*Desirous of promoting the development of good governance, strengthening the rule of law and promoting human rights in the Republic of Moldova,*

*Desirous of promoting the European integration of the Republic of Moldova and of supporting the aims of the EU-Moldova Action Plan, as well as strengthening bilateral cooperation,*

*Referring to recent bilateral contacts on possible cooperation between the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of the Republic of Moldova in the justice sector, which was also discussed during the visit of Norwegian experts to Chisinau in the spring of 2006,*

*Considering that the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of the Republic of Moldova have a common interest in developing further these contacts, with the aim of further strengthening the stability and effectiveness of institutions guaranteeing the rule of law in the Republic of Moldova,*

*Noting that the Government of the Kingdom of Norway is willing to send a team of Norwegian rule of law experts to the Republic of Moldova, and provide necessary external assistance for the implementation of common projects,*

*Noting also that the Norwegian rule of law experts will work closely with and with the full support of the Government of the Republic of Moldova in agreed areas to strengthen the rule of law, as outlined below,*

*Have agreed as follows:*

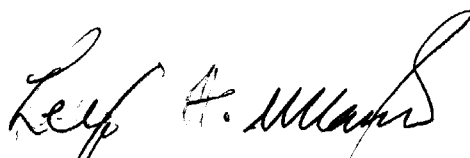
1. The Government of the Kingdom of Norway will contribute with a number of specialized rule of law experts over a period of 2-3 years. The number of rule of law experts may vary from 2-8 during the project period.

2. The team of rule of law experts will assist *inter alia* in the following areas:

Competence building within the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the judicial system, the General Prosecutor's Office and the legal profession, with the aim of increasing the efficiency of the institutions guaranteeing human rights and the rule of law in the Republic of Moldova in line with Moldova's European objectives and commitments.

3. The Parties to this Memorandum will communicate on a regular basis to ensure that the cooperation proceeds according to each Party's expectations and will establish the priority areas where Norwegian experts will work with Moldovan institutions.
4. The Government of the Republic of Moldova will provide the necessary working permits and ensure good working conditions for the rule of law experts involved in the project.
5. This Memorandum of Understanding establishes the framework for the mentioned rule of law project from the date of its signature.

Signed in duplicate in Chişinău on 3 May..... 2007 in two original copies in the English language, each having equal validity.

  
For the Government of the  
Kingdom of Norway

  
For the Government of the  
Republic of Moldova



MINISTERUL AFACERILOR EXTERNE  
ȘI INTEGRĂRII EUROPENE  
AL REPUBLICII MOLDOVA

EU,

**Andrei STRATAN,**

Viceprim-ministru al Republicii Moldova,  
Ministru al Afacerilor Externe și Integrării Europene,

confirm că

**dl Vitalie PÎRLOG,**

Ministrul Justiției al Republicii Moldova

este împuternicit să semneze Memorandumul de Înțelegere dintre Guvernul Republicii Moldova și Guvernul Regatului Norvegiei privind contribuția Norvegiei la consolidarea statului de drept în Republica Moldova.

**ÎNTRU CONFIRMARE,**

am semnat și aplicat ștampila pe prezenta la Chișinău la 12 aprilie 2007



**Viceprim-ministru al Republicii Moldova,  
Ministru al Afacerilor Externe și Integrării Europene**

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