## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

#### BETWEEN

# THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA (CICA) AND

THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), hereinafter referred to as the Parties, aspiring towards the establishment and development of relations of mutually beneficial constructive cooperation between the CICA Secretariat and the UNODC, noting that the problems of illicit drug trafficking and abuse of narcotic drugs, organized crime, terrorism and other kinds of transnational crime are posing a grave threat to the international peace and stability, as well as to the national security of the CICA Member States and the rest of the international community alike, have agreed the following:

# I. Areas of Cooperation

The present Memorandum provides the basis for cooperation in the framework of the competence of the Parties.

The Parties agree to promote cooperation through necessary consultations in the following areas:

- countering illicit drug and precursor trafficking and abuse of narcotic drugs;
- countering organized crime;
- countering international terrorism;
- countering human trafficking;
- other areas of mutual concern.

# **II.** Forms of Cooperation

1.Cooperation in the framework of the present Memorandum may be carried out in the following forms:

- expert-level consultations by mutual agreement;
- update on current programmes in the areas of mutual concern, sharing of information and analyses, statistics and other materials;
- participation in meetings, conferences, trainings and seminars concerning the priority areas of cooperation and staged by the Parties;
- joint formulation and implementation of various projects and activities as appropriate;
- other forms agreed by the Parties.

2.Implementation of any subsequent projects and programmes pursuant to this Memorandum including those involving the transfer of funds between the Parties will require the execution of appropriate legal agreements between the Parties.

# **III. Final Provisions**

1. The present Memorandum comes into effect as from the date of its signature. The Parties observe the provisions of the present Memorandum in accordance with their internal rules and procedures.

2. The Parties may introduce amendments and supplements to the present Memorandum

formalized by separate protocols.

3.In the event of disagreement over the application and interpretation of the present Memorandum, the Parties agree to hold consultations and negotiations.

4. The present Memorandum does not of itself give rise to any implication of commitment of resources, financial or otherwise, on the part of the Secretariat of the CICA or the UNODC.

5. The present Memorandum can be terminated by either of the Parties six months after receiving a written notice from the other Party.

Signed in Vienna on 15 June 2015 in two copies in the English and Russian languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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