

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE SPECIAL TASKS DEPARTMENT OF THE  
MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA  
AND  
THE CARABINIERI CORPS FOR THE MINISTRY OF  
DEFENCE OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC**

The Special Tasks Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and the Carabinieri Corps for the Ministry of Defence of the Italian Republic hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the Agreement between the Government of Georgia and the Government of the Italian Republic in the field of Defence, signed in Rome on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1997;

**HAVING IN MIND** the provisions of the Partnership for Peace regarding the Status of their Forces;

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the Additional Protocol to the Agreement among the States Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and the Other States Participating in the Partnership for Peace regarding the Status of Their Forces;

**WHEREAS** the two Parties are desirous of strengthening their cooperation in the fields of training, in accordance with relevant international standard procedures, and the exchange of best practices related to their institutional services;

**CONSIDERING** that the Carabinieri Corps have wide experience and expertise in the field of public order management and general security;

**AWARE** that the Special Tasks Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia is committed to enhancing capacity in public safety and general security;

**RECOGNISING** the need for cooperation between the Parties for their mutual benefit in the identified areas of cooperation;

**Have accepted** as follows:



## **ARTICLE 1 OBJECTIVE**

This MoU establishes a framework of cooperation between the Special Tasks Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and the Carabinieri Corps in the respective fields of competence and expertise. The provisions of this MoU will in no way permit the derogation from the obligations provided for in other bilateral or multilateral conventions or Arrangements signed by the Parties' Countries.

The Parties accept to pursue, to the best of their ability, mutual cooperation along with the following provisions.

## **ARTICLE 2 IMPLEMENTATION OF COOPERATION**

In order to implement this MoU, the Parties appoint the following Authorities, which are responsible for the fulfillment of the commitments present therein:

- a) For the Special Tasks Department, in his capacity as a structural unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, having general police duty competence and in charge to ensure public safety and order, this MoU will be implemented by G5 Division (Civil relations and Analyses) of Staff of the Special Tasks Department;
- b) For the Carabinieri Corps, in his capacity as a police force with military *status*, having general police duty competence and in permanent charge of the public safety, with special prerogatives conferred by the law, this MoU will be implemented by the Carabinieri General Headquarters – 2<sup>nd</sup> Department – Staff – International Cooperation Office.

## **ARTICLE 3 AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The MoU aims at exploring the areas of cooperation between the Special Tasks Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and the Carabinieri Corps. The areas of cooperation envisaged are based on

training and capacity building. To this effect, the following priority fields are considered:

- a) Public Order Management;
- b) Peace Support Operations;
- c) Acquisition of Modern Police Equipment;
- d) Exchange of own documentation, publication and scientific material in the field of crowd control, management of demonstrations and public meetings, management of riotous situations in the respect of human rights, general public order management, command and control, new technologies, dog unit training, territorial control, equipment, logistics/engineering;
- e) Exchange of experts for initiatives organized by each of the two Parties, including courses, seminars, workshops, ad hoc meetings;
- f) Exchange of experiences specifically in the field of training, under relevant international standard procedures, as well as the assistance in the building of security capacity;
- g) Establishment of specialized permanent desks at respective training facilities, upon request of the two Parties;
- h) Participation at meetings, seminars and research panels concerning crowd control, the management of demonstrations and public meetings, the management of riotous situations in the respect of human rights, general public order management, command and control, new technologies, dog unit training, territorial control, equipment, logistics/engineering;
- i) Joint participation in projects funded by national and international counterparts or donors.

#### **ARTICLE 4 SECURITY OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

For the purposes of this MoU, information and data to be exchanged will be “non-classified”, until the entry into force of the general security agreement between the Parties’ Governments. Thereafter, information will be handled with the discretion it may deserve.

## **ARTICLE 5 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute related to the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be resolved exclusively through direct consultations between the Parties.

## **ARTICLE 6 AMENDMENTS**

This MoU will be amended at any time with the written consent of both Parties.

The amendment will enter into effect as specified in article 7 of this MoU.

## **ARTICLE 7 ENTRY INTO EFFECT, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature by the designated authorities. It will not in any case entail overhead costs for the Georgian or the Italian Government Budget.

This MoU will remain into effect until one of the Parties decides, at any time, to terminate it.

Each Party may terminate this MoU by written communication to be transmitted to the other Party with a notice of three months.

This MoU is applied in full compliance with the legislation of their respective Countries as well as the international obligations mutually assumed and those arising from the membership of the Parties' Countries to different International Organizations.

Signed at Tbilisi on 27 June 2017 in two originals, in English language, all texts being equally authentic.

For the Ministry of Internal Affairs  
of Georgia

For the Ministry of Defence  
of the Italian Republic


The Deputy Minister of Internal  
Affairs of Georgia

The General Commander of the  
Carabinieri Corps

**Police Maj. Gen.  
Merab MALANIA**

**Lt. Gen.  
Tullio DEL SETTE**

  
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