MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

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MINISTERIO DE SEGURIDAD PÚBLICA Y JUSTICIA

LETTER OF INTENT ON COOPERATION IN MATTERS OF JUSTICE BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF CURAÇAO AND THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY AND JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR

The Ministry of Justice of Curaçao, represented by His Excellency the Minister of Justice of Curaçao, Shalten Hato, and The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of El Salvador, represented by the Minister Héctor Gustavo Villatoro, hereinafter collectively referred to as "The Participants", express their willingness to strengthen and expand cooperation in the field of justice.

IN AS MUCH:

I. That there is a long history of friendly and special relations between our countries.
II. That, by virtue of this historical relationship, it is desirable to deepen and broaden collaboration in the field of justice, contributing to the strengthening of the rule of law and the justice sector.
III. That the existence of safe and secure societies is an indispensable element to achieve socio-economic development and guarantee the well-being of the population.
IV. That the Participants express their interest in intensifying cooperation in the field of justice based on mutual respect, mutual trust, and the preservation of sovereignty, aimed at addressing common challenges in areas such as transnational organized crime and the actions of associated criminal organizations, gang-related violence, police cooperation, migration management, and cybercrime.

THEY EXPRESS THEIR INTENTION TO ESTABLISH COOPERATION IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

1. **Strengthening cooperation in the field of justice and public security:**

   The Participants undertake to promote, facilitate and expand cooperation in the field of public security, with particular emphasis on combating organized crime linked to gangs and transnational violence; strengthening of police institutions and other security forces, migration management; and the prevention of cybercrime. This collaboration will be based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit, and will be developed through the establishment of mechanisms for operational technical coordination between the competent institutions in each country. Such mechanisms shall respect the powers and competencies of each Ministry and shall be aligned with the national and international legal frameworks in force.

2. **Exchange of Knowledge and Experiences:**

   To create a platform for the exchange of knowledge, strategies, experiences in terms of judicial frameworks and operations linked to judicial procedures, through visits or consultative meetings that allow both nations to be informed and trained and, where appropriate, the possible design of joint strategies.

GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. The fundamental purpose of this Letter of Intent is to coordinate strategies for assistance in the field of public security, it does not generate binding legal obligations between the Participants.
2. This Letter of Intent is written in two languages in duplicate, English and Spanish of the same literal tenor, both versions being equally authentic and valid.

In the firm conviction that cooperation in the field of justice between the Ministry of Justice of Curaçao and the Ministry of Public Security and Justice of the Republic of El Salvador will contribute to the strengthening and modernization of the areas of justice linked to public security. The Participants sign this Letter of Intent, ratifying their commitment to collaboration and coordination in the matters pertaining to their respective competences for the benefit of justice and the security of their respective nations.

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