

# Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between



**Academy of Justice  
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**Swedish National Courts  
Administration (SNCA)**

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and

hereby represented by the

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Sergey V. Arakelyan**

**Head of Unit for International  
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hereinafter – «Parties»,

- recognizing the intention to strengthen the Parties' friendly relations in the field of judicial training,
- taking into account the mutual interests in the establishment of cooperation between the Parties, and
- with the aim to develop and strengthen capacity development within the institutions,

made the following Agreement:

## **Article 1**

With the permission of the legislation of the Republic of Armenia and Sweden and in accordance with their statutes, both parties agree on the basis of equality and common interest to develop mutually

beneficial cooperation in the areas that are of a common interest, with the aim of their scientific and educational improvement and development.

## **Article 2**

The Parties are willing to develop a cooperation in the areas of capacity development, judicial training and educational improvement for acting judges as well as candidate judges aiming to strengthen the rule of law, increasing public trust in the judiciary, improving the efficiency of justice and strengthening the access to justice in Armenia.

## **Article 3**

The cooperation between the Parties is intended to support the development of a joint project proposal for cooperation that will support improved capacity development of judges and candidate judges in Armenia. The Parties will explore the possibilities of cooperation in i.a. the following areas:

1. Awareness and capacity building on ethics, anti-corruption and integrity.
2. Awareness and capacity building in communicating with and responding to parties and other actors in courts, in accordance with their needs and well-founded expectations.
3. Awareness and capacity building to communicate proactively with media, within an improved framework for judges' and court's contacts with the media.

Parties may determine other areas and forms of cooperation which are not specified in this Article.

## **Article 4**

For the development of a joint project proposal for cooperation as referred to in Article 3, the Parties will develop proposals for specific mechanisms, agreements and terms of cooperation, as well as methods and conditions for the organization and financing of the activities.

## **Article 5**

Rights to intellectual property, which will arise as a result of mutual cooperation, will be owned by the Parties in accordance with additional agreements.

## **Article 6**

The parties shall take necessary precautions to avoid conflicts of interest and shall inform each other without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to any such conflict.

Any controversy arising from interpreting and implementation of this MoC will be solved in consultations and mutual consent among the Parties.

In case of a divergence of opinion about the cooperation, output or terms which cannot be solved at a working level, the matter will be referred to the Rector of the Academy and the Director General of the SNCA.

### **Article 7**

This Agreement is concluded for the period of five years and will enter into force upon signature by the authorized representatives of the Parties.

Either Party may terminate this Agreement by notifying the other party not less than two months in advance.

Amendments to this MoC can be made in case of necessity during the MoC lifespan, if agreed in writing and signed by both Parties following a process of consultation.

### **Article 8**

This document sets forth the entire agreement between the Parties. This MoC is not intended to create any legal and binding obligations, but is a statement of bona fide intent of the Parties.

This agreement is made in English in two copies of equal legal force.

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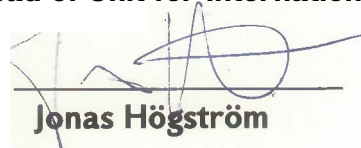


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