

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR**

The Government of the Italian Republic represented by the Ministry of Interior of the Italian Republic and the Government of the State of Qatar, represented by the Ministry of Interior of the State of Qatar, (hereinafter referred to as the two Parties);
Being aware of the relations of friendship between the two Countries;
Desirous to develop these relations;
Keen to enhance and develop the form of common cooperation between them in the areas of fighting the danger of the proliferation of terrorism, organized crime, illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and other serious crimes;
Recalling Resolution 45/123 of the UN General Assembly of 14 December 1990 on International Cooperation in the Fight Against Organized Crime; the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (New York, 30 March 1961) as amended by its Additional Protocol (Geneva, 25 March 1972); the Convention on the Fight Against the Illicit Trafficking in Psychotropic Substances (Vienna, 21 February 1971); the Convention on the Fight Against the Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Vienna, 20 December 1988); the "Global Action Plan" (New York, 23 February 1990) drawn up under the aegis of the United Nations; and the UN Convention on the Fight Against Transnational Crime signed in Palermo on 13 December 2000 ;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The two Parties shall cooperate between themselves, in the context of this MOU, within their respective jurisdictions and in conformity with their respective national laws in fighting crime in general and in the cases where prevention, discovery and suppression of crimes and their perpetrators require a joint action between the competent authorities in the two Countries.



The two Parties shall specifically cooperate and exchange information and assistance, according to their national laws in fighting the following crimes:

1. illicit trafficking in dangerous narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their derivatives, chemical substances and related drugs,
2. terrorism,
3. organized crime,
4. all types of forgery and falsification,
5. all types of smuggling,
6. smuggling of fire arms, ammunition and explosives,
7. money laundering,
8. credit card crimes,
9. computer and Internet crimes,
10. ports, airports and outlets crimes,
11. Illegal immigration.

Article 2

The two Parties shall enhance their cooperation and exchange mutual assistance in the area of search and arrest of accused fugitives or pursued to execute court sentences against them in the above-mentioned crimes and other crimes, in conformity with the internal procedures of each Party.

Article 3

The two Parties shall exchange important information related to the said crimes which are under preparation or are already committed;

Article 4

The two Parties, in order to realize the cooperation between them in the area of fighting crime in general, shall:

1. exchange experiences in the areas of the use of the technology of fighting crimes and techniques and means of criminal investigation,
2. exchange of researches, publications and results of scientific research in the areas covered by this MOU in order to organize and arrange procedures in matters of mutual concern,



3. exchange of means and expertise in order to assist each of the two Parties to train security and police personnel,
4. exchange of assistance in the areas of the scientific and technical development of the police, criminal investigation and equipment,
5. exchange of information and legislative instruments related to criminal acts that take place inside or outside the territories of the two Parties that are related to either of them,
6. exchange of field information of mutual interest on the connections and contacts between terrorist and other organized crime groups in each of the two Countries,
7. continuous mutual upgrading of information exchanged on existing terrorist threats, illicit trafficking in dangerous narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, chemical substances and drugs related to organized crime, and the techniques and organizational procedures taken to fight these crimes. The cooperation envisaged in this Agreement to counter trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances shall also cover –in compliance with the relevant national legislation- precursors and essential chemicals.

Article 5

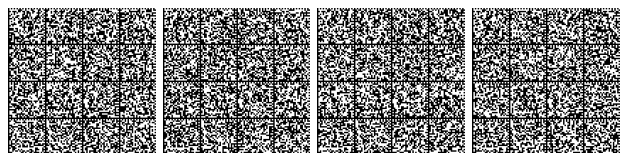
Either of the two Parties can reject totally or partially any request presented by the other Party should it believe that the request conflicts with the sovereignty, national security or the public interest of the state or should the request conflict with a court order or sentence.

Article 6

The two Parties shall exchange visits and convening of meetings between the personnel of the security organs at all level in order to strengthen cooperation and contacts.

Article 7

1. The Party requesting information under this Memorandum of Understanding shall undertake to ensure its confidentiality and retransmit it to third parties only upon authorization of the Party



providing it. Any request for information envisaged by this Memorandum of Understanding shall contain a brief description of the reasons justifying it.

2. The Parties agree that personal and sensitive data transmitted in the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be used only for the purposes envisaged by it and shall comply with the provisions envisaged by international Conventions as regards human rights. Personal data may be retransmitted - for the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding - to other persons or institutions only by previous written authorization of the sending Party, in compliance with the provisions contained in the paragraph above.

Article 8

This MOU shall not prejudice the rights and obligations deriving from the international or bilateral conventions or treaties to which either of the two States is a Party, in case of any conflict shall be applied the convention or treaty that most realizes the comprehensive security cooperation.

Article 9

As for the Italian Republic, the structure competent for the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding is the Ministry of Interior / Dipartimento di Pubblica Sicurezza.

As for the State of Qatar, the structure competent for the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding is the Ministry of Interior / International Cooperation Department.

Each Party will inform the other of the appointment of a National Contact Point.

Article 10

The provisions of this MOU or any of its texts can be amended by written mutual agreement in accordance with the appropriate constitutional procedures applicable in either of the two Countries.



Article 11

This MOU shall enter into force on the date of exchange of its ratification documents, shall remain in force for five years and is automatically renewed for a similar period unless one of the two Parties desires its termination by informing the other Party in writing of its desire six months before of the date of termination through the diplomatic channels.

In witness thereof, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized by their respective governments, signed this MOU.

Done at Rome on april, 16th 2012 AD, corresponding to __ / __ /1433 AH, in two original copies, each in the Arabic, Italian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of dispute, the English text shall prevail.

ON BEHALF
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
ITALIAN REPUBLIC



ON BEHALF
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
STATE OF QATAR



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LAVORI PREPARATORI

Camera dei deputati (atto n. 2710):

Presentato dal Ministro degli affari esteri e della cooperazione internazionale (MOGHERINI) e dal Ministro dell'interno (ALFANO), in data 7 novembre 2014.

Assegnato alla III commissione (Affari esteri e comunitari), in sede referente, il 22 dicembre 2014, con pareri delle commissioni I (Affari costituzionali), II (Giustizia) e V (Bilancio).

Esaminato dalla III commissione (Affari esteri e comunitari), in sede referente, il 14 giugno 2016; il 6 luglio 2016.

Esaminato in aula e approvato, con modificazioni, il 27 luglio 2016.

Senato della Repubblica (atto n. 2499):

Assegnato alla 3^a commissione (Affari esteri, emigrazione), in sede referente, il 2 agosto 2016 con pareri delle commissioni 1^a (Affari costituzionali), 2^a (Giustizia) e 5^a (Bilancio).

Esaminato dalla 3^a commissione (Affari esteri, emigrazione), in sede referente, il 3 agosto 2016; il 10 gennaio 2017.

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