

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ITALIAN CARABINIERI AND THE RWANDA NATIONAL POLICE

The Italian Carabinieri and the Rwanda National Police hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

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

**AWARE** that the Rwanda National Police (RNP) 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 Rwanda National Police (RNP) and the Italian Carabinieri 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 Italian Carabinieri, 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;

- b) For the Rwanda National Police (RNP) in his capacity as a National Police of the Republic of Rwanda, having general police duty competence and in charge to ensure public safety and order, this MoU will be implemented by the Department of Cooperation.

### **ARTICLE 3 AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The MoU aims at exploring the areas of cooperation between the Rwanda National Police (RNP) and the Italian Carabinieri. Any activity involving the deployment/dispatching of military and/or civilian personnel within the territory of the State of the other Party is subject to the entry into force of a legally binding Arrangement between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda regulating the jurisdiction applicable to the personnel. 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) Counter Terrorism;
- c) Peace Support Operations;
- d) Aviation Security;
- e) Traffic and Road Safety;
- f) Cyber Crime Investigation;
- g) Environmental Crime Investigation;
- h) Acquisition of Modern Police Equipment 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, cybercrime, techniques for lawful interception, techniques for fighting terrorism and other offences related to organized crime, command and control, forensics, new technologies, dog unit training, territorial control, traffic police, equipment, logistics/engineering;
- i) Exchange of experts for initiatives organized by each of the two Parties, including courses, seminars, workshops, ad hoc meetings;

- j) 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;
- k) Establishment of specialized permanent desks at respective Training Institutes, upon request of the two Parties;
- l) 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, cybercrime, techniques for lawful interception, techniques for fighting terrorism and other offences related to organized crime, command and control, forensics, new technologies, dog unit training, territorial control, traffic police, equipment, logistics/engineering;
- m) 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 effect of this MoU between the respective Institutes. 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 and negotiations 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 force 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 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 Rome on 12 January 2017 in two originals, in English language, all texts being equally authentic.

For the Italian Carabinieri

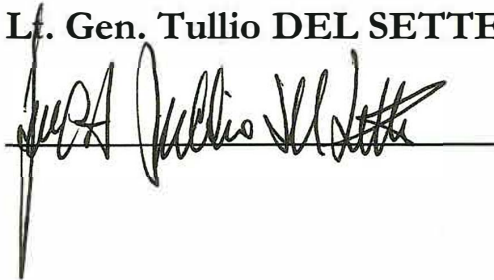
For the Rwanda National Police

The General Commander

The Inspector General

**Lt. Gen. Tullio DEL SETTE**

**CGP Emmanuel K GASANA**



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