

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE CARABINIERI CORPS OF THE MINISTRY OF
DEFENCE OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND
THE MILITARY POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF GEORGIA**

The Carabinieri Corps of the Ministry of Defence of the Italian Republic and the Military Police Department of the Ministry of Defence of Georgia hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Agreement between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of Georgia in the field of Defence, done at Rome on 15th May 1997;

HAVING IN MIND the provisions of the Partnership for Peace (PfP) Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA);

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

WHEREAS the 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 has wide experience and expertise in the field of public order management and general security;

AWARE that the Military Police Department of the General staff of the Georgian Armed Forces (hereinafter referred to as “Military Police Department”;) is committed to enhancing capacity in investigation and general security;

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

Have entered into the following Memorandum of Understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1 OBJECTIVE

This MoU establishes a framework of cooperation between the Carabinieri Corps and the Military Police Department in their respective fields of competence and expertise.

This MoU will be implemented in accordance with the Italian and Georgian legislations, as well as applicable international law and the obligations arising from the membership of the Parties' Countries to different International Organizations. In particular, as for the Italian Party, this MoU will be implemented in compliance with the obligations arising from Italy's membership of the European Union.

PARAGRAPH 2 COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

In order to implement this MoU, the Parties designate the following Authorities:

- a) 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 law, this MoU will be implemented by the Carabinieri General Headquarters - 2nd Department - Staff - International Cooperation Office;
- b) For the Military Police Department in his capacity as a structural unit of the Ministry of Defence of Georgia, having general military police duty competence and in charge to investigation and other duties defined by law, this MoU will be implemented by the Military Police Department.

PARAGRAPH 3 AREAS OF COOPERATION

The MoU aims at exploring the areas of cooperation between the Military Police Department 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) Peace Support Operations;

- b) Joint participation in national/international projects;
- c) Joint exercises;
- d) Reveal and prevention of crimes and administrative/disciplinary offence, operative-investigative activities;
- e) New technologies and equipment;
- f) Protection of military installations;
- g) Working meetings/visits of personnel and experts, study tours;
- h) Exchange of experience and consultations;
- i) Participation in conferences, symposiums, seminars, trainings, courses and workshops organized by the Parties;
- j) Further areas of cooperation upon approval of the Parties.

PARAGRAPH 4 SECURITY OF INFORMATION

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

PARAGRAPH 5 DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATION

Any difference in the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be settled exclusively through direct consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

PARAGRAPH 6 AMENDMENTS

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

PARAGRAPH 7
EFFECTIVENESS, DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This MoU takes effect on the date of signature.
2. The activities foreseen under this MoU will be implemented by the Parties according to their respective budget availability without any additional cost for the State budgets of the Italian Republic and Georgia.
3. This MoU will remain valid until one of the Parties decides, at any time, to terminate it.
4. Each Participant may terminate this MoU by written communication to the other Participant with a prior notice of three months.
5. This MoU does not constitute an international agreement, which may lead to obligations under international law.

Done at Tbilisi on 16th July 2018 in two originals, in the English language, all texts being equally authentic.

For the Carabinieri Corps of the
Ministry of Defence of the Italian
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the Ministry of Defence of Georgia

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