MEMORANDUM OF PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ASSET RECOVERY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF

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The Asset Recovery Committee	of the General Prosecutor's Office of
the Republic of Kazakhstan and the	of the,
hereinafter referred to as «the Parties»,	

guided by the friendly relations between their two countries,

expressing a mutual desire and interest in enhancing the effectiveness of asset recovery, combating organized crime and corruption, and providing mutual legal assistance,

convinced that the implementation of joint projects and the exchange of expertise will strengthen cooperation between the states of the Parties,

aiming to enhance international legal cooperation in the areas of asset identification (disclosure), verification of asset origins, the application of provisional and interim measures, and the repatriation to the state of unlawfully acquired assets, as well as the exchange of information,

have come to the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1

The purpose of this Memorandum is to define partnership mechanisms and forms of cooperation for the effective use of the professional, expert, informational potential, and experience of the Parties.

The Parties intend to develop and promote cooperation in the areas of advanced training and experience exchange for identifying, searching and recovering criminal assets. This cooperation will also extend to protecting the economic interests of the Parties and combating international organized crime and corruption through scientific, practical cooperation, and human resource development.

The Parties will seek ways to establish mutually beneficial relationships between each other and with potential partners and will engage in activities aimed at leveraging Kazakh and _____ experiences in

the detection, tracking, and management of assets derived from corruption and other criminal activities.

The Memorandum will govern the exchange of information and documents between the Parties, with the exception of confidential information.

Scanned electronic copies of documents exchanged via email between the Parties under this Memorandum will be considered as valid as original documents until the exchange of original documents is completed.

This document will serve as the foundation for coordinating actions between the Parties to achieve the objectives delineated herein.

PARAGRAPH 2

With the objective of enhancing the interaction between the competent authorities, the Parties within the limits of their competence intend to:

- (a) Organize activities for staff development and training.
- (b) Convene joint meetings, seminars, conferences, and forums.
- (c) Facilitate mutual exchanges of experience in the search, detection, seizure, and recovery of criminal assets.
- (d) Consult on matters related to enhancing the effectiveness of implementing international legal instruments in the asset tracing domain.
- (e) Assist in the establishment and development of relationships with international organizations and foundations.
- (f) Conduct joint analyses to evaluate the potential for expanding and deepening bilateral cooperation in the tracing and recovery of criminal assets.
- (g) Exchange and analyze information available to the Parties to foster cooperation and enhance the effectiveness of their activities.
- (h) Exchange official documents, requests, and information letters as per established legal procedures.
- (i) In case of necessity and in the manner established by the national legislation of the Parties, the Parties assist each other:
- in carrying out the search, collection, analysis and monitoring of information on the origin of assets available to the Parties to counter the illegal acquisition of assets;

- in the courts' examination of claims for the establishment of legal status or ownership of assets;
- in ensuring recognition and enforcement of decisions of courts or other competent authorities regarding search (disclosure), confirmation of the legality of origin, application of preliminary interim measures, interim measures, security, management, sales and asset recovery;
- in ensuring recognition and enforcement of decisions of courts or other competent authorities regarding search (disclosure), confirmation of the legality of origin, application of preliminary interim measures, interim measures, security, management, sales and asset recovery;
- (j) To carry out inter-agency interaction and coordination of the activities of State, law enforcement and special State bodies on asset recovery issues in the manner prescribed by the national legislation of the Parties;
- (k) To address to each other requests for information, for seizure, for other provisional interim measures, interim measures or forfeiture of assets and for obtaining evidence, as well as other documents in the manner of, provided for by the national legislation of the Parties;
- (l) To carry out international legal cooperation in the criminal, administrative, legal and civil law spheres for the purpose of asset recovery, as well as in the field of search (disclosure), confirmation of origin, application of provisional interim measures, and, interim measures and return of illegally acquired assets to the state.

PARAGRAPH 3

The Parties intend to undertake the following activities:

- (a) Conduct working meetings between heads and experts of the international legal cooperation units to discuss best practices in sending and executing requests for information;
- (b) Organize practical training, including field training on the exchange of experience in countering money laundering and the legalization of criminal proceeds, as well as the illegal transfer of assets, including by applying measures to search (disclosure), confirm the origin of assets, preliminary interim measures, interim measures, measures for voluntary or forced return of assets, management of assets confiscated or turned into state income and other measures:

- (c) Discuss the legal aspects of forming and operating joint investigative teams aimed at protecting the economic interests of each Party, in accordance with international and national legislation;
- (d) Implement joint initiatives to inform the public about the collaboration and interactions under this Memorandum;
- (e) Engage in other forms of interaction and cooperation as previously defined by the Parties.

The Parties will not interfere with each other's activities within the scope of their respective authorities.

To fulfill the objectives of this Memorandum, the Parties may, by mutual consent, invite other institutions, organizations, public associations, civil society entities, and business representatives to collaborate and participate, and may establish temporary working groups for this purpose.

PARAGRAPH 4

The Parties independently bear the costs incurred in the execution of this Memorandum within the limits of the funds provided in accordance with the national legislations of the States of the Parties, unless otherwise specified by the Participants in each specific case.

PARAGRAPH 5

In the event of any issues related to the application of the terms of this Memorandum, the Parties will exhaust all possible measures to resolve such issues through negotiations and consultations.

PARAGRAPH 6

For the purposes of this Memorandum, the Parties will communicate directly through the following designated structural units:

For the Kazakhstani Party: Department of International Legal Cooperation of the Asset Recovery Committee of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan, located at 14 Mangilik Yel Avenue, Astana, 010000, Republic of Kazakhstan. Tel: 8 7172 30 19 00, Email: kazaro@prokuror.kz

For	the	Party: _	·	Tel:	,
Email:					

Each Party will designate one or more contact persons responsible for maintaining relations with the other Party.

PARAGRAPH 7

The Parties may publicly disclose the signing of this Memorandum by sharing the event on social media and through their official online platforms.

News related to the activities or events under this Memorandum with the exceptions of its specific terms may be published on the Parties' official websites, Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, and/or other print media.

PARAGRAPH 8

Amendments and additions to this Memorandum may be made by mutual agreement of the Parties. Such amendments and additions will be documented in separate protocols, which will become integral parts of this Memorandum and will enter into effect following the procedures outlined in Paragraph 10 of this Memorandum.

PARAGRAPH 9

This Memorandum does not constitute an international treaty within the meaning of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of 23 May 1969 and does not create for the Parties and their respective states legal rights or obligations governed by international law.

PARAGRAPH 10

This Memorandum will enter into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect indefinitely unless either Party, not later than one month in advance, gives written notice to the other Party of its intention to cease its application. In the event of cessation of this Memorandum, any activities initiated under this Memorandum and not yet completed will continue and will be completed according to the terms previously specified by the Parties, unless completion is deemed impossible.

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Signed at «» Kazakh, and English. In case of Parties will refer to the text in English.	
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