COOPERATION AGREEMENT

IN THE FIELD OF STRENGTHENING THE ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN IN THE KOSOVO CORRECTIONAL SERVICE AND THE KOSOVO POLICE

BETWEEN:

ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN KOSOVO CORRECTIONAL SERVICE

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ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN KOSOVO POLICE
The Signatories of this Agreement:

1. Association of Women in Kosovo Correctional Service (hereinafter AWKCS), Address: “Luan Haradinaj” st, Ex Rilindja building, floor VI, Prishtina, Republic of Kosovo, represented Ms. Zyrafete IMERAJ, President of Association of Women in Kosovo Correctional Service.


Article 1
PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this cooperation agreement is to strengthen bilateral relations, share best practices, advance the role and position of women in the Kosovo Correctional Service and women in the Kosovo Police, promote and apply the principles of equality and non-discrimination to empowering women in the professional, managerial and decision-making field.

Article 2
OBJECTIVES

2.1 The AWKCS, mission is to strengthen the role and position of women in the KCS, raise awareness and address issues affecting women within the KCS, promote and assist in the application of the principles of equality and non-discrimination, advocacy and continuous professional development of all women, development and participation in professional and social networks at national and international level within KCS. Engaging in the media and participating in public discussions, as well as other appropriate means to raise institutional and public awareness of the role and importance of women's participation in the Kosovo Correctional Service;

2.2 AWKP provides a positive work environment for women police staff, and the mission is to empower the role and position of Women in the Kosovo Police, raise awareness on issues affecting women, promote gender equality, professional development and international promotion of the association and Police Women in Kosovo, this mission the association aims to accomplish by raising awareness and addressing issues of interest for women within Kosovo Police and society, promoting and assisting in the implementation of the principles of gender equality and non-discrimination in Kosovo Police. Supporting the continuous professional development of women in the Kosovo Police, participating in professional and social networks and initiatives at national, regional and international levels, promoting and protecting the health and psychosocial well-being of women in the Kosovo Police;
2.3 Parties intend to enhance cooperation among themselves in the field of training, education aiming at the exchange of information, experience and knowledge which aims at intensifying the bilateral relations for the benefit of organization they represent, as well as regarding strategic objectives of the organization;

2.4 In reaching this cooperation agreement, it is important to recognize that each of the organizations concerned have specific goals and objectives that may not be fully compliant, but none of them should be less respected. The agreement should also provide an understanding of each other’s perspective, greater opportunities to achieve common objectives together and promote full respect for women’s rights;

**Article 3**

**SCOPE OF WORK**

3.1.1 Cooperation between the parties to this agreement will be based on national legal framework and international mechanism, by cooperating in the following areas:

3.1.2 Activities and projects of common interest;
3.1.3 Exchange of practices/knowledges and trainings;
3.1.4 Joint research programs as well as scientific publications;
3.1.5 Relevant researches;
3.1.6 Joint official and study visits.

**Article 4**

**PARTIES AGREE**

4.1 Where there are sufficient resources and capacities, parties shall organize joint activities and events to intensify the quality cooperation as far as possible, focusing on:

4.1.1 Exchange of best practices in the area of security;
4.1.2 Exchange of best practices in striving to achieve gender balance, promoting and applying principles of equality and non-discrimination;
4.1.3 Exchange of best practices related to capacity building, professional development of women in KCS so that they are motivated, challenged to develop and grow as leaders within the service;
4.1.4 Exchange of experts of particular interest to both parties in the area of recidivism, training of women in custodial facilities and their re-socialization for life in freedom;
4.1.5 Exchange of best practices in terms of inter-institutional cooperation, especially in the fight against terrorism, domestic violence and organized crime;

4.1.6 Subject to independent funding, develop joint research initiatives and jointly engage in various research activities, seminars and various security initiatives of mutual interest.

4.2 The Parties agree that nothing in this Agreement requires any financial obligation from either party and that either Party shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon immediate entry into force if such costs are incurred without liability for the same.

4.3 This Agreement has no budgetary implications and the parties have no right to prosecute each other legally.

Article 5
DURATION

5.1 This Cooperation Agreement shall enter into force from the date of signature by the Parties and shall remain in force until withdrawn by the Parties with prior written notice.

5.2 By mutual agreement and in writing, both parties may add or make changes to this Cooperation Agreement.

Article 6
TERMINATION

6.1 This cooperation agreement shall be terminated:

6.1.1 At any time in case of non-compliance with the points of the Agreement;

6.1.2 with reasoned written notice at least 30 days prior to the date of termination of cooperation
Article 7
COPIES OF THE AGREEMENT

7.1 This Agreement of Cooperation is signed in two (2) original copies (Albanian, Serbian and English) and one (1) copy for each signatory.

Article 8
ENTRY INTO FORCE

8.1 This Cooperation Agreement shall enter into force on the day of signature by the signatories.

Signed ______________ in: _____________________

PARTIES:

Association of Women in Kosovo Correctional Service

Ms. Zyrafete IMERAJ
President of the Association of Women in Kosovo Correctional Service

Association of Women in Kosovo Police

Ms. Teuta NIMANI
President of the Association of Women in Kosovo Police