MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

No. DI/1/391- 8104

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova presents its compliments to the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), and has the honor to propose an amendment to the Annexes I and II of the *Agreement on Operational and Strategic cooperation between Republic of Moldova and European Police Office* (Chişinău, December 18, 2014), as follows.

1. Annex I – Areas of Crime, is updated with the following forms of crime:

- *Insider dealing and financial market manipulation;*
- *Sexual abuse and sexual exploitation, including child abuse material and solicitation of children for sexual purposes;*
- *Crime against the financial interests of the Union;*
- *Genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.*

Further, the form of crime *"Environmental crime"* is replaced with *"Environmental crime including ship-source pollution"*, and *"Organised robbery"* is replaced with *"Robbery and aggravated theft"*.

2. Annex 2 – Competent authorities and national contact point, is updated, by adding one more competent authority of the Republic of Moldova:

"6. Office for Prevention and Fight against Money Laundering"

If the above-mentioned proposals are acceptable to the Europol, the Ministry proposes that this Note, together with the Europol's Note of reply, shall constitute an Amendment to the Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and the European Police Office, which shall be applied provisionally from the date of Europol's letter of reply, and shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Europol of the written notification regarding the completion by the Republic of Moldova of the internal procedures necessary for its entry into force.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Chisinau, August 21 2019

The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)
The Hague

EUROPOL

The Hague, 10 October 2019

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via the Moldovan Liaison Bureau at Europol

Subject: Amendments to the Cooperation Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and Europol

Dear Minister,

I acknowledge your note verbale No. DI/1/391-9104 of 29 August 2019 proposing amendments to the Annex I and II of the Agreement on Operational and Strategic cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and Europol, signed in Chisinau on 18 December 2014.

I have the pleasure to agree that your note, together with this reply, constitutes agreement on the proposed amendments.

Consequently, the scope of our above-mentioned Agreement is updated to all areas of crime as listed in Annex I to the Europol Regulation, a copy of which is attached to this letter, and the *'Office for Prevention and Fight against Money Laundering'* is included in the list of the national competent authorities of the Republic of Moldova in Annex II of our Agreement.

I also concur these amendments to enter into force on the date of receipt by Europol of your written notification regarding the completion of your national procedure.

Yours sincerely,

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ANNEX I

LIST OF FORMS OF CRIME REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3(1)

— terrorism,

— organised crime,

— drug trafficking,

— money-laundering activities,

— crime connected with nuclear and radioactive substances,

— immigrant smuggling,

— trafficking in human beings,

— motor vehicle crime,

— murder and grievous bodily injury,

— illicit trade in human organs and tissue,

— kidnapping, illegal restraint and hostage-taking,

— racism and xenophobia,

— robbery and aggravated theft,

— illicit trafficking in cultural goods, including antiquities and works of art,

— swindling and fraud,

— crime against the financial interests of the Union,

— insider dealing and financial market manipulation,

— racketeering and extortion,

— counterfeiting and product piracy,

— forgery of administrative documents and trafficking therein,

— forgery of money and means of payment,

— computer crime,

— corruption,

— illicit trafficking in arms, ammunition and explosives,

— illicit trafficking in endangered animal species,

— illicit trafficking in endangered plant species and varieties,

— environmental crime, including ship-source pollution,

— illicit trafficking in hormonal substances and other growth promoters,

— sexual abuse and sexual exploitation, including child abuse material and solicitation of children for sexual purposes,

— genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.