

Decree No. 84 of 2017 on the Ratification of the Agreement on cooperation in the field of combating organized crime between the Government of the State of Qatar and the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

We, Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar,

Having perused the Constitution; The ratification document issued on the fifteenth of the month of Rabi` al-Awwal 1438 Hijri, corresponding to 14 December 2016 AD;

The proposal of the Minister of foreign affairs;

The draft Decree submitted by the Council of Ministers,

Hereby decree as follows:

Article 1

The agreement between the Government of the State of Qatar and the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on cooperation in the field of combating organized crime signed in Doha on the 31st of October 2016, a copy of which is annexed to this Decree, shall be ratified and shall have the full force of law in accordance with Article 68 of the Constitution.

Article 2

All relevant authorities, each within its field of competence, shall enforce this Decree, which shall come into force on the date of its issuance. This Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani,

Emir of the State of Qatar

Issued from the Amiri Diwan on: 17/02/1439 AH, Corresponding to 06/11/2017 AD

Agreement on cooperation in the field of combating organized crime between the Government of the State of Qatar and the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

The Government of the State of Qatar, and the government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria,
Hereinafter referred to as "the two parties."

Concerned by the threat posed by transnational organized crime in all its forms,

In implementation of the basic principles of Arab cooperation stipulated in the Arab League Charter,

In furtherance of the objectives of the Council of Arab Interior Ministers,

Illustrating their belief in the unity of Arab security, and based on the fraternal links between the two sister countries and the two brotherly people,

Desiring to establish cooperation relations in the interest of their countries within the framework of the legislation in force and with respect for the sovereignty, security and interests of each country, the effective conventions in both countries and the non-interference of either party in the internal affairs of the other party.

Have hereby agreed as follows:

Article 1

The two parties shall cooperate in the technical field, exchange information and experiences, especially in the following areas:

- 1) Combating transnational organized crime.
- 2) Combating illicit trade and smuggling of arms, ammunition, explosives, toxic and radioactive materials along with other dangerous materials and related technologies.
- 3) Combating illicit trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their chemical precursors, including their cultivation, storage, manufacture, transport and smuggling.
- 4) Combating corruption, economic crimes and money laundering in accordance with the legislation of the two countries.
- 5) Cooperate in recovering smuggled money and forfeiture criminal proceeds.
- 6) Tourism security.
- 7) Security information.
- 8) Combating trafficking in human beings, human organs and clandestine immigration networks.
- 9) Combating kidnapping and ransom crimes.
- 10) Combating theft, smuggling and illicit trade in cultural property, precious stones or metals, art objects or antiques and vehicles.
- 11) Combating forgery of documents, counterfeiting of currency and financing means.
- 12) Combating Cybercrime.
- 13) Combating crimes related to natural resources and the environment.
- 14) Combating crimes of infringement of intellectual property.

- 15) Security of air, sea and land transportation.
- 16) Security of sports facilities during major sporting events.
- 17) Traffic safety and security.
- 18) Scientific and technical police.

- 19) Border Police.
- 20) Criminal security and forensics.
- 21) Piracy crimes.

Article 2

The cooperation provided for in Article 1 includes the following:

- 1) Exchanging information related to all forms of crime stipulated in this agreement, especially on elements, organization of criminal groups and networks, and their tactics and working methods.
- 2) formation and training.

- 3) Exchanging information, techniques, expertise and professional experiences.
- 4) Exchanging the results of research and samples used in the field of criminal investigation, criminology and data related to investigation methods and means of combating crime.
- 5) Exchanging legislative and regulatory texts.
- 6) Exchanging visits between officials and experts of the two parties.

- 7) Providing mutual assistance in conducting the search for persons accused of punitive acts covered by organized crime.
- 8) Exchanging information about natural and legal persons or persons suspected of being involved in money laundering operations or financing criminal activities, as well as information on methods and tactics used in these operations.
- 9) Cooperate in developing educational and training systems that operate in accordance with modern international standards and standards for the security services of both parties.

Article 3

Each party to this agreement may reject any request for cooperation if it considers that execution of such request is likely to prejudice its sovereignty, security, ordre public or violate the fundamental rights of people under domestic laws of either party. The party from whom the information is requested shall inform the requesting party in writing with the reasons for refusal of cooperation.

Article 4

Cooperation shall be carried out to implement this agreement through the following bodies:

- 1- The State of Qatar:
 - Ministry of Interior.
- 2- The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria:
 - The Ministry of Interior, local groups, and other competent agencies.

Further, the Interior Ministers of the two countries shall be the sole representative authorized to appoint the entity/entities entrusted with implementing the various fields of cooperation referred to in this agreement.

Article 5

With a view to achieve the desired objectives of this agreement, and to enable cooperation as stipulated herein, a bilateral committee shall be established to cooperate in the area of counter-organized crime.

The bilateral committee shall determine the major areas of cooperation that will be embodied in the coming year. The contribution of each party shall be determined within the limits of its financial capabilities and in accordance with laws and internal regulations in force in both countries. The committee shall be responsible for enabling, overseeing the cooperation stipulated herein.

The committee shall hold a regular session once every year and may convene in a special session at the request of either party. The time, place and agenda of the session shall be determined by agreement of the two parties, where the committee meetings shall be held alternately unless the parties agree otherwise.

Article 6

The exchange of information and data under this agreement shall be subject to the following conditions:

1- Each party shall guarantee that the information exchanged remain confidential, by ensuring that no unauthorized distribution, alteration and publication is carried out, in accordance with their national laws in this regard.

2- The requesting party shall use Information received exclusively to meet the objectives and conditions stated by the transmitting party, while taking into account the time limit specified under the latter's national laws for the erasure of these information.

3- No data, samples, material, analyses and information exchanged within the framework of this agreement shall be transmitted to third parties without the express, written consent of the requested party.

4- The requested party shall ensure the accuracy of the exchanged information and ensure its necessity and suitability for the coveted objective. In information appears to have been exchanged inaccurately or of a confidential nature, the requested party shall immediately inform the requesting party to correct these information or erase the confidential data.

5- Any personal data which are no longer necessary for the purposes for which they are to be used by the requesting party shall be erased, where the latter shall immediately notify the requested party if it deletes any exchanged data while providing justification for such act.

6- In the event of termination or non-renewal of this agreement, all personal data shall be immediately destroyed.

The joint committee shall determine the major areas of cooperation that will be embodied in the coming year. The contribution of each party shall be determined within the limits of its financial capabilities and in accordance with laws and internal regulations in force in both countries. The committee shall be responsible for enabling, overseeing the cooperation stipulated herein.

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The exchange of information and data under this agreement shall be subject to the following conditions:

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Article 7

The two Contracting Parties shall solve any divergence in the interpretation or execution of this agreement by consultation through diplomatic channels.

Article 8

The provisions of this agreement will not prejudice the rights and obligations derived of all international, bilateral and multilateral agreements to which either of the two parties is a party.

Article 9

Each contracting party shall bear, on its respective territory, the costs resulting from the execution of the provisions of this agreement.

Article 10

Each party shall retain the right to suspend, totally or in part, this Agreement for the reason of protecting national security, public order or public health. The Party that wishes suspends this Agreement shall notify the other Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, of such intention to suspend the execution of the agreement and respective provisions.

Article 11

This agreement may be amended at any time with the mutual written consent of both parties. The amendment is subject to the same procedures mentioned in Article (12).

Article 12

This Agreement shall be ratified in accordance with the constitutional procedures applicable to both parties, and shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Parties of the last written notification through diplomatic channels confirming the completion of their respective legal internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement in both countries. It shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, and shall be renewed automatically for one or more similar periods, unless either of the Parties at least six (6) months prior to expiration of the Agreement notifies through diplomatic channels the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate this Agreement. In the event of termination or expiry of this Agreement, all obligations and requests that have been concluded prior to the termination notice shall remain enforceable.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this Agreement

This Agreement was done and signed in: Doha on 01/30/1438 AH, corresponding to 31/10/2016 AD, in equally authentic duplicate Arabic versions.

For and on behalf of the Government of the
State of Qatar

Sheikh / Abdullah bin Nasser Al Thani
The Prime Minister and the Minister of the
Interior

For and on behalf of the Government of the the
Government of the People's Democratic
Republic of Algeria

H.E Mr. Noor Al-Din Badawi
The Minister of Interior and Local Communities