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Republic of Macedonia  
Ministry of Justice

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## Memorandum for Cooperation

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the UK Government) represented by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO),

The Government of Republic of Macedonia represented by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Macedonia,

and

The Center for Legal Research and Analysis from Skopje, have reached the following cooperation:

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum is to secure cooperation between the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Macedonia and the Center for Legal Research and Analysis for the Project entitled "Improving quality of justice in Macedonia through capacity building for judges and monitoring judicial system performance". The objectives and activities of the Project are set out in Annex A.

The Project will be implemented by the Centre for Legal Research and Analysis, with Mr. Zarko Hadzi-Zafirov, as focal person, under the supervision of Ms. Liljana Ristovska, Project Officer at the British Embassy Skopje.

The Ministry of Justice will appoint their focal person for this Project in writing. The focal point will support Project implementation on behalf of the Ministry of Justice and chair the Projects Steering Group which will monitor and coordinate Project implementation.

### 2. Duration

This Memorandum will come into effect upon signature by the three signatories and will be valid until 31.03.2018.

### 3. Amendment of this Memorandum

Any amendment to this Memorandum will be decided upon by both parties and will be made in writing.

#### 4. Termination

If any changes occur that, in the opinion of UK Government, impair significantly the value of the Project, the parties will normally consult on measures to resolve the problem and agree possible courses of action. In the event that no mutually acceptable solution is negotiated, the UK Government reserves the right to modify or terminate its contribution to the Project.

#### 5. Dispute settlement

Any dispute that may arise as to the interpretation or application of this Memorandum will be settled by consultation between the participants.

#### 6. Other

All correspondence arising from this Memorandum of Cooperation and from the Project will be addressed to the assigned focal persons from the Ministry of Justice, and the Center for Legal Research and Analysis, and copied to Liljana Ristovska, Projects Officer at the British Embassy in Skopje.

#### 7. Liability

The Implementer will provide adequate supervision of and care for its staff, agents and visitors, and accepts that in no circumstances will the UK Government be responsible for the acts or omissions of the Implementer's staff, agents or visitors or for any loss or liability arising as a result of the Projects, which remains the entire responsibility of the Implementer.

#### 8. Copies

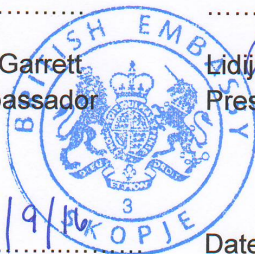
This Memorandum is signed in six original copies, three in the English language, and three in Macedonian.

In a case of a different interpretation of the English and the Macedonian version of this Memorandum, the only valid will be the English version.

Signed on behalf of the  
British Government

*CG*

Charles Garrett  
HM Ambassador



Date: .....

Signed on behalf of the  
Center for Legal  
Research and Analysis

*Lidija Stojkova*

Lidija Stojkova Zafirovska  
President

Date: .....

Signed on behalf of the  
Ministry of Justice of RM

*Valdet Xhaferi*

Valdet Xhaferi,  
Minister

Date: .....

## **Annex A:**

**Terms of Reference - Project: "Improving quality of justice in Macedonia through capacity building for judges and monitoring judicial system performance"**

- Output 1:     Judicial Monitoring Matrix piloted in the judicial system as an assessment tool for adherence to EU standards and principles**
- Output 2:     Increased capacity of judges in uniform application of the law through use of court practice**
- Output 3:     Increased awareness about the economic value of justice among judiciary and public**

## **Background**

This project aims to establish tools and methods that would support Macedonian judiciary system in its actions to increase independence and public trust.

To support objective assessment of the progress of judiciary reforms in Macedonia, the Project will establish and implement a comprehensive judiciary monitoring system for Macedonia's justice system as an information tool for assessing progress of reforms.

The Project will provide capacity building training for judges, and design a Methodology for uniform application of the law to consolidate knowledge and understanding among judges and ensure greater transparency, efficiency and quality of judgements. The project will offer UK experience and expertise in using court practice to integrate transparency and predictability of justice, improving public trust in the judicial system in Macedonia. The effects of this support are expected to influence quality, independence and efficiency of justice as measured by the Judiciary Monitoring Matrix.

Aiming to support accountability and transparency of courts' work, the Project will provide evidence based analysis on the economic value of justice through cost benefit case study in civil cases. Comparisons of the costs in varying jurisdictions will be made where data makes this possible. The analysis will illustrate what needs to be considered by the citizens' when they enter a court process. A public awareness campaign focused on informing the public about the economic value of justice, as a parameter of citizens' and state's economic welfare and the efficiency of the judiciary will be designed and launched.