

***Cooperation Agreement***  
***Between Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova and***  
***Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina***

Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova and Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereafter – Parts),

Confirming the support of democratic process from their countries and norms unanimously acknowledged regarding the human and citizens rights and freedoms,

Aware of the fact that important elements of democratic transformations are free and fair elections and referenda based on ensuring constitutional rights and civil freedoms, on observing the norms of electoral right,

Being decided to strengthen and to develop the collaboration in the legislation field regarding elections and referenda, as well as to apply in the frame of electoral procedures modern systems and technologies,

Being aware that such a cooperation will contribute to the development of the relations between both states,

Have agreed as follows:

***Article 1***

The cooperation in the frame of the present Agreement it is made on the base of equality and respect of interests, intern legislation of the Parts, as well as on the conventions concluded between them.

***Article 2***

The fields of collaboration in the frame of the present Agreement are the followings:

- The exchange of experience among the bodies that ensure the management and running up of elections;
- The improvement of national legislation on elections;
- Ensuring the achievement and protection of citizens' constitutional electoral rights;
- Legislative regulation of political parties' and electoral blocs of political parties' activity in the electoral process;
- Financial and technical-material support of elections;
- Using of modern informational technologies and systems of voters registration during the running up of elections;
- Ensuring the rights of subjects of electoral process during the pre-election propaganda using mass-media;
- Raising the level of legislative education of the participants of the electoral process, improvement of professional skills of election managers.

### *Article 3*

Cooperation of Parts can be realized in the following forms:

- Creation of common work groups for achieving certain activities from the frame of those specified in fields of cooperation;
- The exchange of results of scientific investigations and research, sending to the other Part the drafts of laws on elections;
- The exchange of experts in the aim of mutual exchange of information and practice analysis;
- Organization of seminars, scientifico-practical conferences and other common activities on the themes of mutual interests;
- Sending of representatives for monitoring the management and running up of elections.

### *Article 4*

In the aim of improving the national legislation on elections Parts will exchange experience in the following issues:

- Ensuring of free and fair elections;
- Improving the organization of the processes of preparations and running up of elections;
- Rights and obligations of subjects of electoral process;
- Responsibility for violation of electoral legislation;
- Improving of special legislative institutions on elections;
- Observance of international standards in the electoral legislation, as well as in the practical activity of electoral bodies.

### *Article 5*

As regard to ensuring the rights of subjects of the electoral process during the pre-electoral propaganda Parts will exchange experience on the following issues:

- The types and sources of pre-electoral propaganda;
- Rights and obligations of subjects of the electoral process during the pre-electoral propaganda;
- Ensuring of supervising over observance of the legislative norms on elections through which it is set the order of conducting propaganda and sanctioning for their infringements;
- The attributions and obligations of electoral commissions, local public administration bodies and government power bodies regarding organization and ensuring of conditions for conducting pre-electoral propaganda.

### ***Article 6***

In the scope of elections financial and technical-material supply Parts exchange experience on the following issues:

- The order of planning, allocation and using of resources from the state budget;
- Organization of supervising on fair using of resources from state budget;
- The reports regarding the using of state budget resources by electoral commissions and other participants of electoral process;
- Ensuring of supervising over financial sources, accounts and expended resources from electoral stocks of political parties, electoral blocs of political parties and candidates.

### ***Article 7***

In the purpose of raising the legislative education of participants of electoral process, improving the professional formation of elections managers Parts stipulate:

- The exchange of methodological, informational-analytical and consultative materials;
- The exchange of work experience concerning the making and using of printed and audiovisual materials that cover different aspects of the electoral process.

### ***Article 8***

In the field of realization and protection of citizens' constitutional electoral rights Parts stipulate:

- The exchange of experience regarding forms and ways of realization and protection of citizens' constitutional rights: to elect and be elected;
- The exchange of methodological, analytical and informational materials.

### ***Article 9***

The Parts will contribute commonly to the drawing up of analytical-informational and technical framework that will ensure the activities in the fields stipulated by respective Agreement.

The achievement of common projects concerning improvement of their activities will be accomplished through convention between Parts.

### ***Article 10***

Parts agree on extension of collaboration and in other fields concerning elections. In accordance with this stipulation, Parts can amend this Agreement.

### ***Article 11***

1. Parts consider necessary and useful the exchange of experience on the issues of organization and running up of elections. In this purpose in the frame of the present Agreement Parts agree on regular exchange of delegations of experts.

2. The Part that will send experts will support expenditures concerning travel and living expenses. In accordance with this Agreement persons that will stay and work on the state territory of hosting Part, should have health insurance provided by the sending Part.

3. Concerning the composition of delegations, period of time and program of activity in the frame of exchange of experience Parts should agree additionally.

### ***Article 12***

All disputes bound up with interpretation and realization of the present Agreement, Parts will solve through mutual consultations between them.

### ***Article 13***

1. The present Agreement is concluded for a period of 3 years and come into force from the date of signing. After the expiry of this term, in the case of the absence of written notification from the side of any Part regarding the ceasing of the Agreement, this is automatically prolonged for the next 3 years.

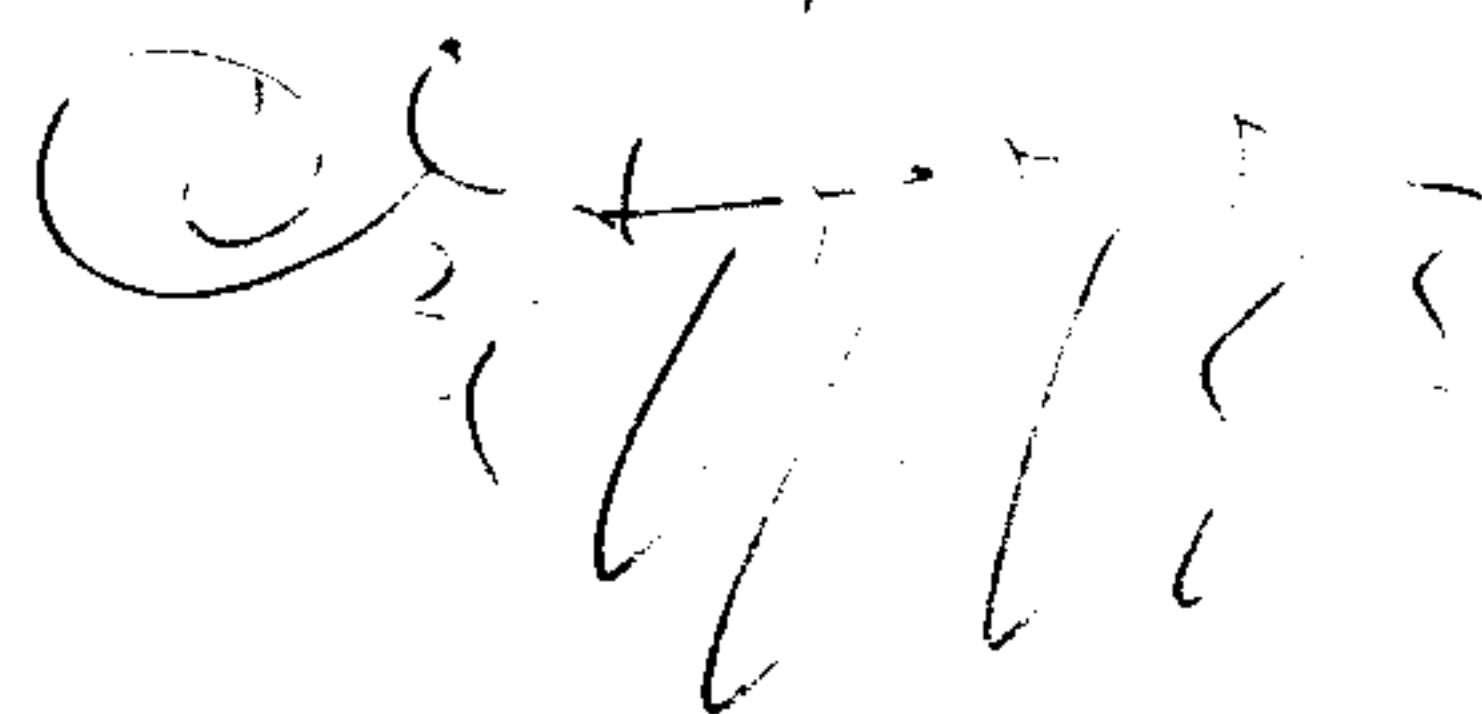
2. The present Agreement can be denounced by any Part through written notification until the expiry of the term. The Agreement ceases after the expiry of the term of 45 days from the date of receiving the notification.

Signed in Constanța, România on September 13, 2008, in three original copies, in the Moldavian and English language and the languages officially used in Bosnia and Herzegovina, all three texts being equally authentic.

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