



**AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Agreement of Understanding is made and entered by and between the Attorney General of Baja California of the United Mexican States and the Attorney General of Colorado of the United States of America, hereafter the "interested parties."

**WHEREAS** the United States of America and the United Mexican States are two sovereign and independent nations that share common values and a vision of prosperity and security for North America;

**WHEREAS** the United States of America and the United Mexican States maintain strategic linkages and established collaborative partnerships among numerous stakeholders at all levels of government and the private sector;

**WHEREAS** state attorneys general of the United States of America and the United Mexican States are committed to strengthening binational cooperation as expressed at the March 10-12, 2008 Meeting of United States – Mexico Attorneys General hosted by the Conference of Western Attorneys General and Mexico’s National Conference of Attorneys General;

**WHEREAS** current international conditions and challenges to combat organized crime, as well as the recently enacted Merida Initiative, have magnified the role of state attorneys general in the United States of America and the United Mexican States to ensure justice, safety, and liberty to encourage economic prosperity for all citizens within their jurisdictions;

**WHEREAS** crimes such as human trafficking, weapons trafficking, money laundering, and Internet crimes against children transcend international borders thereby requiring effective and ongoing cooperation between state and federal authorities in Mexico and the United States;

**WHEREAS** the Attorney General of the State of Baja California and the Attorney General of the State of Colorado wish to collaborate in joint efforts and projects that enhance binational cooperation, public safety and the exchange of criminal investigative best practices between both states;

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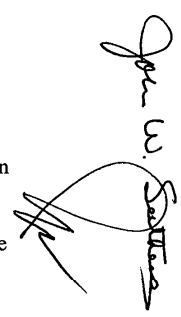
**WHEREAS** the State of Baja California is undertaking significant judicial reform efforts, transforming its criminal justice procedures from a mixed inquisitorial and written system to an oral, adversarial and transparent system that enhances the use of scientific evidence in criminal prosecutions;

**WHEREAS** the criminal adjudication process in the United States of America is based on an adversarial criminal procedural system that bases its criminal investigations on scientific evidence;

**WHEREAS** both governments benefit from a stronger relationship and from actions that promote the rule of law and cooperation in both states;

**The interested parties commit to:**

- Share legal and educational knowledge through workshops, seminars and study tours;
- Exchange information on best practices in the area of criminal investigations;
- Offer educational exchange programs between institutions that operate in the criminal justice system, including the Office of the Attorney General;
- Share information and evaluation of new technologies, software and hardware;
- Exchange information and intelligence to investigate and prosecute human trafficking, weapons trafficking, money laundering, and Internet crimes against children cases;
- Work towards the creation of an exchange and training system that assists Baja California in the administration, management, investigation, and prosecution of criminals with special emphasis on internet crimes against children;
- Work towards an agreement wherein the Office of the Attorney General of Baja California and state police can learn investigative techniques with regard to crime scene forensics, procedures and policies; and
- Facilitate prosecutorial, investigative, and other law enforcement personnel exchanges as needed to encourage ongoing training and information sharing opportunities;



**The Attorney General of Colorado pledges to:**

- Provide administrative and management training to the Office of the Baja California Attorney General, including division of work assignments, creation of work groups, and assistance in the development of policy guidelines;
- Permit Colorado prosecutors to provide training in the State of Baja California related to case management and organization as well as preparing cases for trial;
- Create task forces to combat Internet crimes against children and human trafficking between Baja California and Colorado;
- Train Baja California investigators on investigating Internet crimes against children;

- Train and/or provide resources to instruct law enforcement personnel on police techniques, services, tactics, and follow-up investigations;
- Allow Colorado prosecutors to conduct training in Baja California focused on preparing criminal cases, cross-examination, forensic interviewing, and preparation of witnesses and victims for trial;
- Share information, investigation and prosecution tactics and techniques on human trafficking cases;
- Provide training on establishing and administering an internal affairs unit;
- Share information on wanted criminals that might have fled to Mexico; and
- Provide a resource of key personnel at the Colorado Attorney General's Office to facilitate task force work and sharing of information.

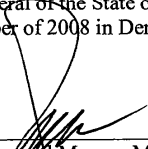
**The Baja California, Mexico Attorney General pledges to:**

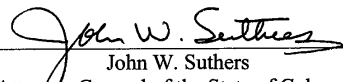
- Share information on wanted criminals that might have fled to the United States;
- Share information, investigation and prosecution tactics and techniques on human trafficking cases.
- Create a task force to combat human trafficking;
- Exchange information on the establishment of an internal affairs unit;
- Cover travel costs, including hotel accommodations and meals, and salary of Mexican government officials, attorneys, and law enforcement personnel that will be trained in Colorado;
- Cover travel costs, including hotel accommodations and meals of Colorado personnel that agree to conduct training and/or seminars in Baja California; and
- Guarantee the presence of Spanish and English interpreter when needed.

Implementation of these efforts is based upon the financial support and commitment by the appropriate federal entities and their partners defraying expenses to the State of Colorado.

This agreement was developed in both English and Spanish and in case of any discrepancy the version in English will prevail. The parties certify that the terms and conditions are acceptable and thus subscribe this Agreement of Understanding.

It is signed and ratified by the Attorney General of the State of Baja California of the United Mexican States and the Attorney General of the State of Colorado of the United States of America on this eight day of September of 2008 in Denver, Colorado.

  
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**ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**LIAISONS**

The following key personnel will serve as primary contacts and liaisons in the planning, implementation, and coordination of this agreement by and between the Office of the Attorney General of Colorado and the Office of the Attorney General of Baja California.

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