



## AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

This Agreement of Understanding is Made and Entered into by and between the Attorney General of Chihuahua, Mexico (Hereinafter OAGCH) and the Attorney General of New Mexico, USA (Hereinafter OAGNM), hereinafter the "interested parties"

**WHEREAS** Human Trafficking is a heinous international crime and human rights abuse. Human Trafficking affects all people regardless of gender, race, color, socio-economic status, or sexual orientation. Human Trafficking affects wealthy countries, poor countries, rural and urban populations, indigenous and non-indigenous populations. The crime of human trafficking is tied with the illegal arms industry as the second largest criminal industry in the world today, next to drug dealing, and it is the fastest growing. The global magnitude is staggering.

**WHEREAS** Human Trafficking is a transnational criminal enterprise that recognizes neither boundaries nor borders and requires an intense collaboration between border state governments.

**WHEREAS** the existing collaboration between the State of New Mexico, USA and the State of Chihuahua, Mexico;

**WHEREAS** that both countries are eager to combat crime and increase public security for the citizens of both countries;

**WHEREAS** the state of New Mexico recognizes Human Trafficking as a crime that violates human rights and is proposing comprehensive legislation to make human trafficking a state felony offense;

**WHEREAS** Chihuahua has enacted comprehensive penal code reforms to criminalize Human Trafficking;

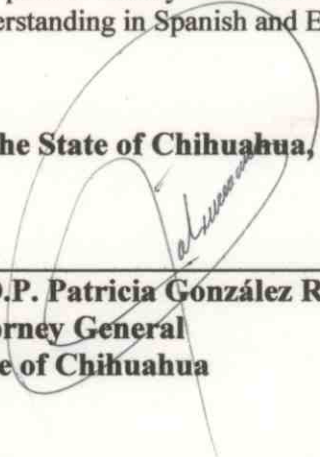
**WHEREFORE** the Office of the Attorney General of New Mexico (OAGNM) and the Office of the Attorney General of Chihuahua (OAGCH) recognize the epidemic of Human Trafficking and the importance of cross-border collaboration to prosecute traffickers, protect victims and prevent the increase of human trafficking incidents;

**WHEREFORE** the (OAGNM) and the (OAGCH) commit to develop compatible strategies in prevention, information, education and awareness, intelligence and anti-trafficking law enforcement efforts;

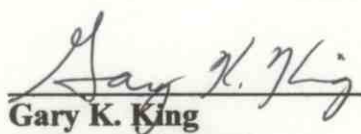
**WHEREFORE** the (OAGNM) and the (OAGCH) agree to develop best practices to address human trafficking through sharing resources for training, through mentoring and through the development of cross-border working groups.

The parties certify that the terms and conditions are acceptable and thus subscribe this Agreement of Understanding in Spanish and English in the City of Santa Fe on January 17, 2008.

**By the State of Chihuahua, Mexico:**

  
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