

Memorandum of Understanding

Whereas the Attorney General of Texas and the Attorney General of Nuevo Leon desire to foster state cooperative law enforcement efforts;

Whereas the Attorneys General of Texas and Nuevo Leon recognize the need to legally assist children in both states so their parents comply with the obligations that the laws establish;

Whereas the Attorneys General of Texas and Nuevo Leon recognize that certain crimes - specifically trafficking in persons, weapons and drug smuggling; crimes against children; and financial crimes - transcend borders and law enforcement authorities of both countries must coordinate to combat such crimes;

Whereas collaborative efforts between the Attorneys General of Texas and Nuevo Leon can promote effective criminal justice and criminal investigations in both countries;

Whereas the State of Nuevo Leon is reconstituting its criminal justice system, shifting from a mixed written system to an oral system, including the increased use of criminal investigations based on scientific evidence;

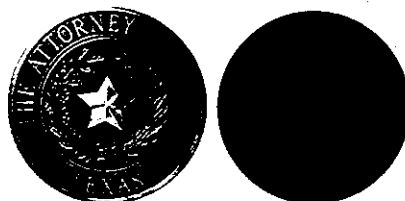
Whereas the Texas criminal justice system involves adversarial criminal proceeding, including adversarial trials wherein scientific evidence is admissible;

Whereas our governments and our citizens benefit from strong relations and cooperative efforts to promote and conserve the rule of law;

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**Therefore the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, U.S.A., and
the Attorney General of Nuevo Leon, Mexico commit to:**

- ☞ *Take necessary actions to strengthen the legal assistance to children on both sides of the border;*
- ☞ *Maintain periodic meetings to evaluate and sustain the cooperation established in this memorandum;*
- ☞ *Exchange information and intelligence about criminal conduct that transcend borders, including trafficking in persons, weapons and drug smuggling; crimes against children; and financial crimes;*
- ☞ *Create a joint task force between the Offices of Attorney General which may include other law enforcement agencies, as necessary and practical, to combat cross-border crimes against children;*
- ☞ *Create a joint task force between the Offices of Attorney General, which may include other law enforcement agencies, as necessary and practical, to combat human trafficking;*
- ☞ *Exchange information and training on best practices in criminal investigation and prosecution;*
- ☞ *Offer law enforcement educational exchange programs between institutions that operate in the criminal justice system, including the Offices of Attorney General;*
- ☞ *In consultation with the state legislatures in our states, consider and develop rules, laws, or reforms to comply with the provisions stated within this memorandum.*



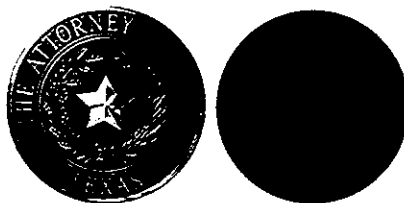
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In addition to the above, the Office of the Attorney General of Texas pledges to:

- ☞ *Provide investigative and prosecutorial training for law enforcement officials from Nuevo Leon, including instruction on how to investigate and prosecute cyber crimes against children;*
- ☞ *Coordinate with the Office of the Attorney General of Nuevo Leon, when necessary, to exchange information and provide support of minors on both sides of the border;*
- ☞ *Provide directory of key personnel to facilitate task force work and the exchange of information;*

In addition to the above, the Office of the Attorney General of Nuevo Leon pledges to:

- ☞ *Provide investigative and prosecutorial training for law enforcement officials from Texas, including instruction on the manner in which law enforcement officials from Nuevo Leon investigate, prepare, and resolve criminal cases.*
- ☞ *Coordinate with the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, when necessary, to exchange information and provide support of minors on both sides of the border;*
- ☞ *Cover travel costs, including hotel accommodations and meals, for Texas officials who agree to conduct law enforcement training or seminars in Nuevo Leon.*
- ☞ *Provide directory of key personnel to facilitate the work of the task force and the exchange of information.*




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This arrangement may be terminated unilaterally at any time, by providing the other party six months advanced written notice. The parties sign this document effective as of April 17th, 2009 in Austin, Texas.

*For the Office of the Attorney General
of Nuevo Leon, United Mexican States*

*For the Office of the Attorney General
of Texas, United States of America*


*Luis Carlos Gebino Berchelmann
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