



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 State of Oregon, acting by and through its Department of Justice, 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 National Conference of Attorneys General;

WHEREAS the Department of Justice of the State of Oregon of the United States of America (“Department of Justice of Oregon”) is headed by the Attorney General of Oregon who is the chief law officer for the state and all its departments;

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 Department of Justice of Oregon 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;

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;

NOW, THEREFORE:

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 their criminal justice systems, including the Office of the Attorney General of Baja California and the Department of Justice of Oregon;
- 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 of Baja California can learn investigative techniques with regard to crime scene forensics, procedures and policies; and
- Facilitate prosecutorial, investigative, and other personnel exchanges as needed to encourage ongoing training and information sharing opportunities;

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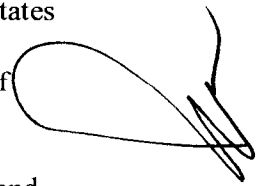
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The Department of Justice of Oregon pledges to:

- 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 Oregon prosecutors to provide training in the State of Baja California related to case management and organization as well as preparing cases for trial;
- Train Baja California investigators on investigating Internet crimes against children;
- Create task forces to combat Internet crimes against children and human trafficking between Baja California and Oregon;
- Allow Department of Justice of Oregon 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 1) establishing and administering a criminal intelligence operation; 2) public corruption cases; and 3) anti-money laundering.
- Share information on wanted criminals that might have fled to Mexico; and
- Provide a directory of key personnel at the Department of Justice of Oregon to facilitate task force work and sharing of information.

The Attorney General of Baja California pledges to:

- Provide a directory with key personnel at the Office of the Attorney General to facilitate task force work and sharing of information;
- Share information, investigation and prosecution tactics and techniques on human trafficking cases;
- Create a task force to combat human trafficking;
- Share information on wanted criminals that might have fled to the United States of America;
- Cover travel costs including hotel accommodations and meals, and salary of Mexican government officials that will be trained in Oregon;
- Cover travel costs, including hotel accommodations and meals, of Oregon officials who agree to conduct training and/or seminars in Baja California; and
- Guarantee the presence of a Spanish-English interpreter when needed.

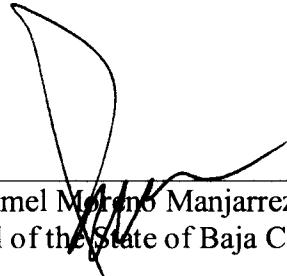


General Provisions:

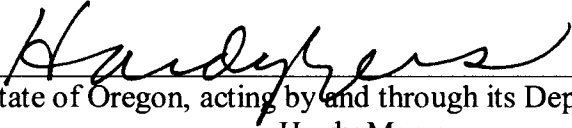
- If the Department of Justice of Oregon is not allotted funds for the next succeeding Oregon fiscal period (including the next biennium) by appropriation, limitation, grant, or other funding source or expenditure authority lawfully available to it to continue its performance under this Agreement of Understanding, the Department of Justice of Oregon may, at its discretion, terminate this Agreement of Understanding, without penalty, liability or further obligation, at the end of the current fiscal period for which funds have been allotted. A termination under this paragraph shall not constitute a violation of this Agreement of Understanding.
- The initial term of this Agreement of Understanding shall be three years, beginning on the last date on which each of the interested parties to the Agreement of Understanding have signed it. By mutual written agreement, the interested parties may extend this Agreement of Understanding for additional periods, not to exceed three years for each additional period.

The parties certify that the foregoing terms and conditions are acceptable and thus subscribe this Agreement of Understanding in Spanish and English. It is signed and ratified by the Attorney General of the State of Baja California of the United Mexican States and the State of Oregon, acting by and through its Department of Justice of the United States of America on this 21st of November of 2008 in Salem, Oregon.

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