

## **Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation**

### **Between the State Audit Office of the Republic of North Macedonia and the International Board of Auditors for NATO (IBAN)**

Desiring to strengthen friendly relations between the two parties on the basis of equality and mutual benefits and conscious of their respective institutional independence, professional responsibility and mandate, both Parties have concluded the following Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation, hereinafter referred to as the Memorandum:

#### **Article 1**

The Parties shall endeavour to develop their relations in order to promote mutual cooperation, sharing of experience on professional practices and exchanges of expertise.

#### **Article 2**

The Parties wish to promote mutual cooperation in the following areas:

- (a) exchanging professional experience and good practice aimed at improving public external audit methods and professional standards for auditors and other staff;
- (b) supporting the external audit activities of international organisations within the scope of INTOSAI;
- (c) staff training;
- (d) creating conditions conducive to the implementation of professional traineeships and the appointment of candidates to the post of IBAN Board member;
- (e) conducting cooperative audits, peer reviews and joint research projects, with the specific agreement of the Parties;
- (f) promoting the exchange of general and unclassified information and professional documentation on the activities of the Parties referred to in the preceding paragraphs.

#### **Article 3**

The Parties may interact in areas such as bilateral delegation visits, seminars, conferences and workshops.

#### **Article 4**

In the context of the activities set out in this Memorandum, each Party shall bear the costs of international transport as well as the subsistence costs of its own delegates, unless otherwise provided in implementation agreements concluded between the Parties.

#### Article 5

In the cooperation activities carried out under this Memorandum, the working languages for written and oral communications shall be English and French. Interpretation into another language shall be provided by the requesting Party.

#### Article 6

Privileged or confidential information shared between the Parties shall remain confidential in accordance with the applicable Parties' laws, freedom of information laws and/or public record laws. Such confidential information remains property of the originating authority or providing Party and shall not be disclosed by the receiving Party to any other individual or entity without prior written permission of the originating authority and/or providing Party, as applicable.

The Parties unequivocally agree to protect confidentiality of information in accordance with this MoU and applicable laws.

#### Article 7

Amendments and revisions may be made to this Memorandum with the mutual written consent of the Parties.

#### Article 8

No article of the present Memorandum may be interpreted as being part of an international treaty. The present agreement will not be executory as far as the law of obligations or the law of contract are concerned.

#### Article 9

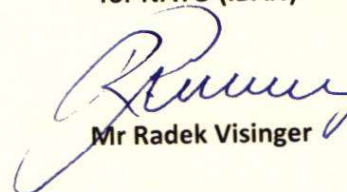
This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both Parties and shall remain in force for an indefinite period. Termination must take place through formal notification. This Memorandum shall cease to take effect three (3) months after notification to the other Party.

Signed in Skopje, on 10 October 2024, in two original copies in the English, French and Macedonian languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of a discrepancy of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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of the State Audit Office of the Republic of  
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