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hereinafter referred to as the "Participants",

Desiring to strengthen friendly relations and promote the co-operation between the Participants, and particularly to take into consideration the common will to strengthen the police co-operation between them;

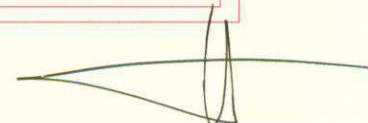
Considering that transnational organised crime constitutes a serious threat to the socio-economic development of the States, and that the recent developments related to transnational organised crime may jeopardise their institutional functioning;

Considering that the protection of the physical integrity of the citizens is a concern of the States;

Considering the importance of the fight against itinerant gangs for the Participants;

Considering that the fight against human trade and trafficking and migrant smuggling and the repression of illegal immigration are concern of the Participants;

Considering that the unlawful manufacturing and trafficking of narcotic drugs psychotropic substances represent a danger to the health and the safety of citizens;



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hereby understand as the "Participants",

During recent years friendly relations and growing co-operation between the Participants and particularly in the area of cooperation the common will to strengthen the police co-operation between them;

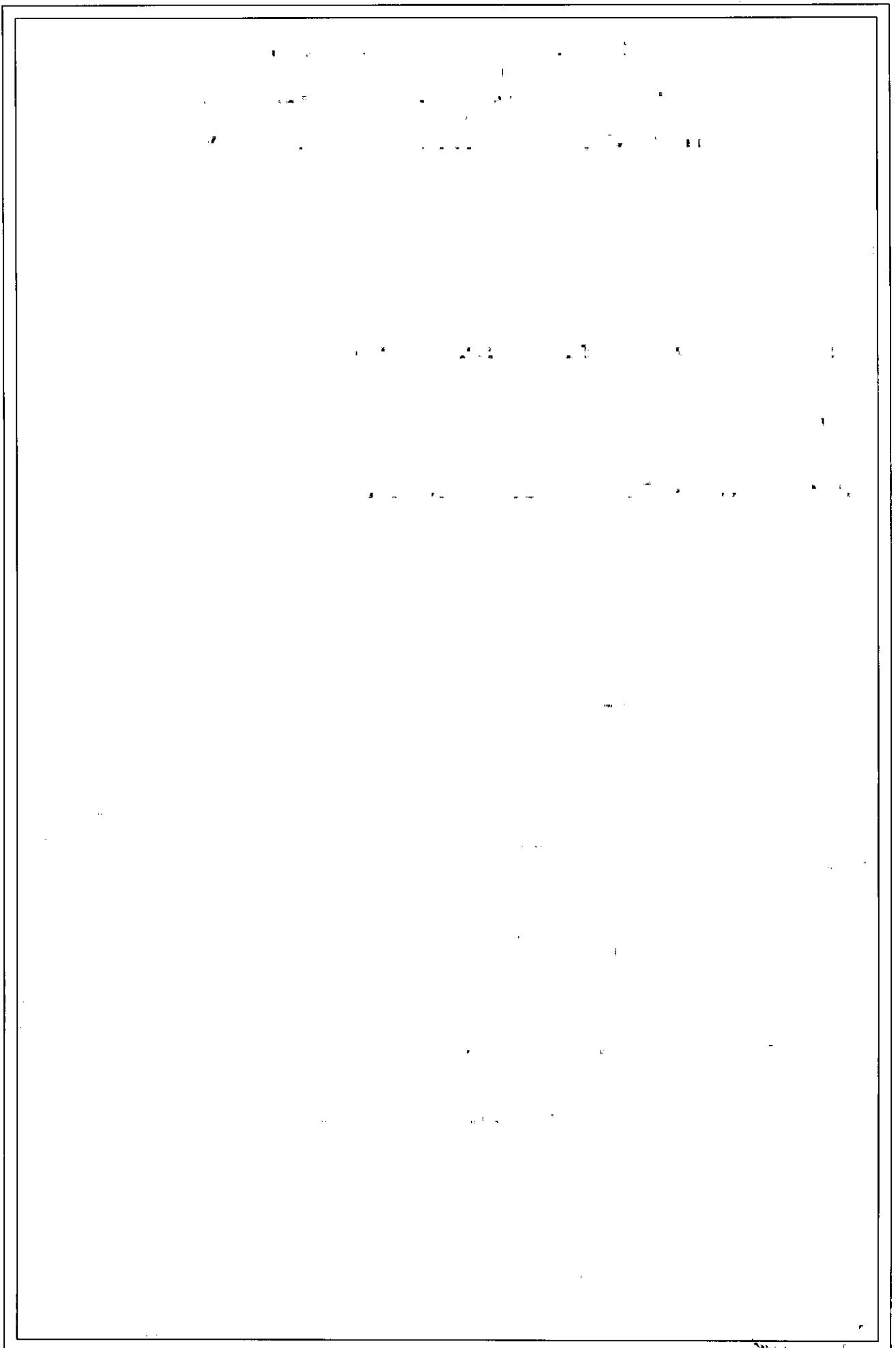
Considering that the international organized crime continues a serious threat to the socio-economic development of the world and that the recent developments related to transnational organized crime and particularly to the technological functioning;

Considering that the protection of the physical integrity of the citizens is a responsibility of the State;

Considering the importance of the fight against criminal gangs for the Participants;

Considering that the fight against human trafficking and related activities and migrant smuggling and the repression of illegal prostitution are common concerns of the Participants;

Considering that the fight against manufacturing and trafficking of counterfeit goods and services and the repression of illegal gambling and the safety of citizens;



In accordance with their national legislations and in compliance with the bilateral and multilateral agreements contracted by the Republic of Turkey and the Kingdom of Belgium with the aim of fighting against international crimes;

Have reached the following understandings:

1. The Participants, in accordance with the respective national legislation, will endeavor to cooperate in particular in the following fields but not limited to these:

- terrorism and transnational organised crime;
- the organised thefts;
- the theft, illegal trade and trafficking of motor vehicles and the forgery and use of forged vehicle documents;
- the production and unlawful trade of narcotics and psychotropic substances, as well as precursors;
- money laundering;
- financing of criminal activities;
- cyber crime;
- human trade and trafficking, migrant smuggling and illegal immigration;
- falsified and forged documents;
- illicit trafficking of weapons, ammunition and explosives.

2. The Participants, in accordance with the respective national legislation, will endeavor to encourage training and experience delivery and giving technical support with the aim of preventing transnational organised crime and fighting against these crimes. Training and experience delivery and technical support may include vocational training, exchange of practical experiences, technical and scientific aid and the exchange of information as well as trainees and specialists. They may notably concern areas such as gathering of evidence, negotiation techniques, special intervention techniques, community policing and missing persons.

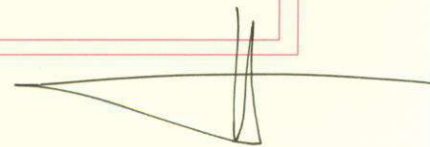

The Participants may endeavor to help each other to plan and carry out research and training programs by which they will be able to exchange specific knowledge in the aforementioned fields.

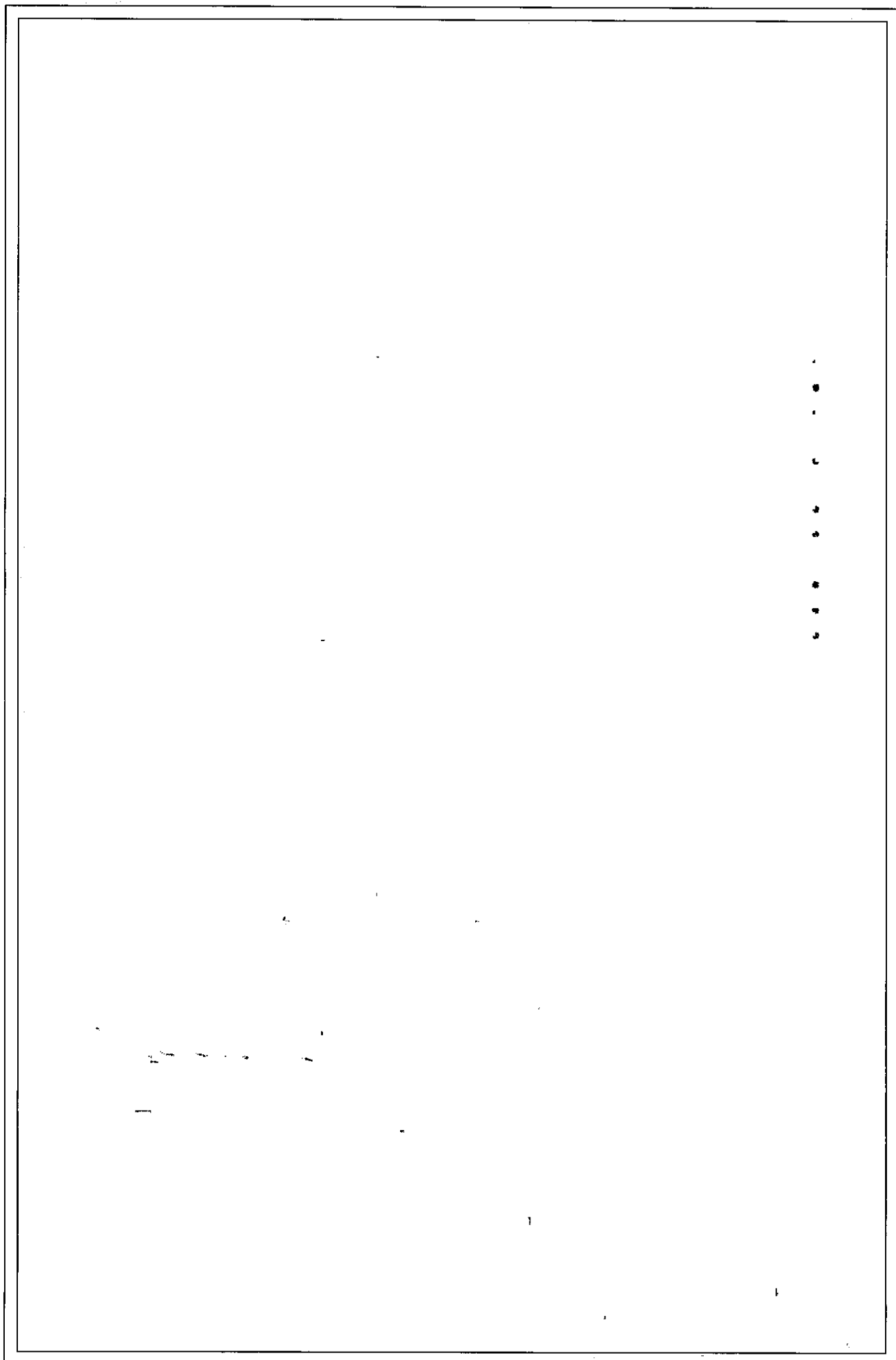
They may also decide on proceeding to the exchange of practical experiences in all the fields related to the functioning of the police and invite police officers from the other country to seminars they organise in the fields of a common interest. The Participants may inform each other about the courses and seminars.

The Participants may endeavour to proceed to the exchange of trainees and specialists in order to familiarise their police officers with the structure and practices of the competent services of the other country.

3. The Participants, in accordance with the respective national legislation, may decide on granting each other mutual aid in the field of technical and scientific support for the problems related to the functioning of the police.

The Participants will endeavor to co-operate notably through expertise and the exchange of special technical equipment.

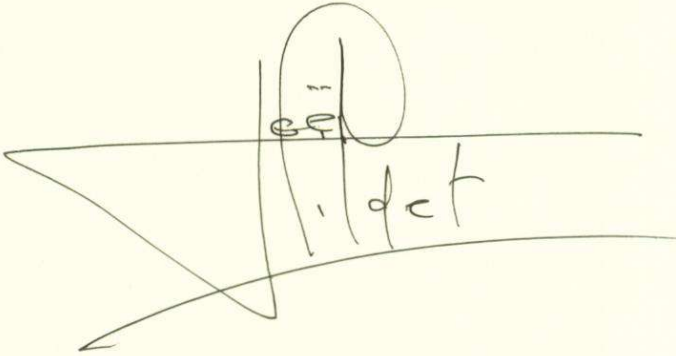




4. The liaison points for the Participants to communicate with the aim of facilitating the cooperation are the competent Police Liaison Officers as well as:
 - a) For the Turkish Side: Turkish National Police, International Relations Department,
 - b) For the Belgian Side: Federal Police of Belgium, Directorate for International Police Cooperation.
5. This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Participants and does not constitute an agreement binding upon the States of the Participants under international law. No provision of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Participants.
6. With the consent of their respective Governments, the Participants may cooperate directly to draw up a bilateral agreement on police cooperation that enhances the overall cooperation in the areas mentioned in paragraph 1.

Hereby this Memorandum of Understanding has been signed on 22 January 2013, in Brussels, in two original copies, in English.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joëlle Milquet', with a large circular flourish above the name.

**Joëlle MILQUET,
Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Home Affairs
and Minister for Equal Opportunities**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'İdris Naim Şahin', with a large, stylized flourish.

**İdris Naim ŞAHİN,
Minister of Interior**

The present paper for the Participants to contribute with the aim of facilitating the cooperation with the competent Police Liaison Officers as well as

For the French side: French National Police, International Relations Liaison

For the Belgian side: Federal Police of Belgium, Directorate for International Police

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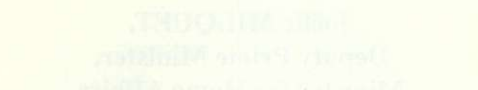
With the intent of their respective Governments, the Participants may cooperate directly to develop a bilateral network on police cooperation that enhances the overall cooperation in the area mentioned in paragraph 1.

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM


Jean-Marie SAURIN
Minister of Interior


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