

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the Chancellery of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia and the Secretariat of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova

The Chancellery of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia and the Secretariat of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, hereinafter referred to as *the Parties*,

Welcoming friendly relations and good cooperation established between the Republic of Latvia and Republic of Moldova;

Welcoming the willingness of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia to share the knowledge and experience acquired during 20 years of the independence with the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova;

Welcoming the desire to establish close working links between the two Parliaments to make the relations between *the Parties* professionally creative and efficient;

Being convinced that we share common values in democratic and rule-of-law-based environment;

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Parties shall work together to support the Secretariat of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova to enable it to perform its work for the national parliament by increasing awareness of decision makers, opinion makers and the society at large about development of democratic processes and rule of law.

Article 2

The Parties shall draw on the experience of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia in setting up efficient and effective institution which would facilitate the work of democratic national parliament.

Article 3

The Parties shall contribute to establishing professional relations and cooperation between the staff members in order to share experience in the following areas:

- support to the legislative process;
- support to information technologies (IT),
- facilitation of the participation of the civil society in the legislative process;
- organizational and administrative issues;
- EU integration and approximation of the legislation to the European standards;
- facilitation of cooperation between relevant standing committees of both parliaments.

Article 4

The Parties shall develop cooperation programs and projects in order to achieve progress in the areas covered by Memorandum.

Article 5

The Parties shall create conditions for enhancing mutual relations by participating in seminars, studies, conferences and other activities devoted to problems of common interest, as well as establish direct communication and exchange experience.

Article 6

The stipulations of this Agreement do not affect those rights and obligations which devolve from other agreements signed by both Parties.

Done in Riga this 4 day of August 2010, in two original copies in the English language.

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