

REPRESENTATION PERMANENTE DE LA FRANCE AUPRES DES L'OFFICE DES NATIONS UNIES ET DES ORGANISATIONS INTERNATIONALES A VIENNE

#### CONVENTION

Between the undersigned,

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office and International Organizations in Vienna, A-1010, Schwarzenbergplatz 16, represented by Mrs. Florence MANGIN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative in Vienna, hereinafter referred to "the Permanent Mission", Secondary organizer,

The Embassy of France in Greece, 7 Vassili.Sophias Avenue, 106 71 - Athens, acting for and on behalf of the French State, represented by Mr. Jean-Loup KUHN-DELFORGE, Ambassador of France in Greece

On the one hand,

And,

The association Smile of the Child, Social Organization for the Child Protection, Zinonos Eleatou 10, 15124 Marousi, Athens, Greece, represented by Mr. Costas YANNOPOULOS, legal representative,

Said "the partner"

On the other hand

The parties agreed to and set forth the following:

#### Article 1

# Context and objective of the cooperation

As part of the policy of regional cooperation on the fight against human trafficking and in accordance with the objectives defined by the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office and International Organizations in Vienna, their partners and the Greek authorities promote the implementation of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol on the fight against trafficking in persons, especially women and children.

SMILE OF THE CHILD is a non-governmental organization specialized in the protection of children victims of exploitation and in the search for missing children. It is affiliated with the International ONG "Missing children" with headquarters in Brussels and is already cooperating with French NGOs (« Fondation pour l'enfance » et « la mouette »). The association works on the principle

of voluntary work and voluntary contributions. It develops appropriate methods of care for children at risk, especially those who are victims of exploitation. It seeks to facilitate the reintegration of these children into society. It cooperates with the authorities and private actors involved in this area. It cooperates very closely with the Greek national coordinator on the fight against human trafficking and manages the Greek system "AMBER alert" and the 116000, European toll-free number dedicated to missing children.

### Article 2

## Content of the cooperation

This project aims to promote the implementation of the national Action Plan of development in Southeastern Europe Center for Missing and Exploited Children (SEEC Project). The NGO "Smile of the Child" - the project initiator - seeks to develop partnerships with civil society and institutional partners in the region to more effectively coordinate fight actions against exploited minors. In this regard, the NGO wants to set up a partnership with the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, and especially with the Permanent Mission. This partnership would aim to strengthen the NGO's coordination capacities with the expertise of the regional technical advisor for the fight against human trafficking near the Permanent Mission.

# Framework for Action for the Protection of the minor victims of human trafficking

The phenomenon of child trafficking in the countries of southeast Europe is steadily increasing despite efforts made for ten years to control borders and fight against human trafficking. SEEC's mission is to set up actions for cooperation, set up, share and disseminate best practices among stakeholders in Southeast Europe to combat effectively the problem of minors' exploitation and disappearance. This coordination role is to follow and find missing or exploited children and take appropriate measures to strengthen the protection of child rights. It is also taking measures to understand the phenomenon and implementing actions of appropriate protection and assistance and establishing regional cooperation in southeast Europe in close cooperation with France.

The regional technical advisor for human trafficking near the Permanent Mission could technically participate in this regional coordination in relation with the NGO "Smile of the Child." As such it may make contact with reliable partners, identified in each country where it will be considered to create a SEEC center, it may also help the NGO to implement the SEEC project and participate in promoting information transmission on the importance of this project, in building on its regional experiences and in sharing its information. It could also encourage the participation of French experts in the training carried out by the NGO as part of the installation of 116000 (European toll-free number dedicated to the victims of trafficking). Finally, he can provide the necessary materials and recommendations to NGOs and authorities of the countries in which he operates.

In return, the NGO "Smile of the child" will refer in its publications and activity reports to its partnership with the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and with the Permanent Mission by affixing the official logo. Similarly the creation of centers for exploited minors and the

installation of European call centers 116000 in the various countries of Southeast Europe in partnership will take place in the same way.

The partner agrees to keep the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office and International Organizations in Vienna informed of the project's progress and of the achieved results and to work with the regional technical advisor on human trafficking.

## Article 3

# Partnership terms

The partner agrees to share with the signatories of this convention the information on the quantitative and qualitative assessment of the project and a report of the regional influence of this cooperation.

### Article 4

# **Financial arrangements**

To carry out this action, it is expected no financial contribution for the year 2011. A possible revision of this provision could be established in 2012 depending on the successful partnership and the desire of France to become more involved in this cooperation.

Convention drawn up in duplicate, August 10, 2011

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