

## BILATERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

***Committee for Disclosing the Documents and Announcing Affiliation of Bulgarian Citizens to  
the State Security and Intelligence Services of the Bulgarian National Army  
Republic of Bulgaria***

and

***Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile  
Romania***

Today 26 November 2013 in Sofia was signed this Agreement between:

1. Committee for Disclosing the Documents and Announcing Affiliation of Bulgarian Citizens to the State Security and Intelligence Services of the Bulgarian National Army /CDDAABCSSISBNA/ established in the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia, 1 Vrabcha Str., 2<sup>nd</sup>

floor, represented by

Evtim Kostadinov Kostadinov - Chairman

and

2. Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile (IICCMRE) established in Romania, Bucharest 020522, Sector 2, 13-19 Alecu Russo

Str., 5<sup>th</sup> floor, suite 11, represented by

Andrei Muraru - Executive President

## **Preamble**

The Parties, guided by the need for cooperation in carrying out their duties conferred upon them by their national law, in a spirit of friendship, wish to enhance and strengthen their cooperation in the field of storage, disclosure and use of archival documents of the Parties under the relevant national legislation. Parties are convinced that such cooperation will contribute to the research and implementation of best practices in dealing with archives stored by them in the interests of the citizens and the society.

Expressing their wish for long-term cooperation based on mutual respect and regard for the interests, the Parties agree as follows:

### ***Article I***

To enter into and implement this Agreement on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. Each Party shall implement this Agreement in accordance with its national legislation. Forms of cooperation under this Agreement shall not be contrary to the national legislation of the two countries, their international obligations and the principles of national and international politics. This Agreement shall not affect matters outside the competence of the Parties.

### ***Article 2***

To pursue bilateral cooperation in the following areas:

- organization of the activities of the Parties in accessing, disclosing and using documents stored by them;
- organization of the activities in providing publicity for the documents;
- training of personnel;
- relationships between the Parties and the public;

The specific aspects of this Agreement may be specified in relevant protocols, an integral part thereof.

### ***Article 3***

To collaborate in the following forms:

- official visits by the management of the Parties;
- workshops of the management of the Parties and other representatives from the relevant administration;
- preparation of programs to carry out joint activities in relation to the organization of exhibitions, public events, publishing activity, etc;
- consultations and exchange of experience in relation to the implementation of their duties under the relevant national legislation;
- mutual invitations for conferences, meetings and seminars;

- exchange of documents in accordance with the procedures and limitations provided for in their national legislation;
- other mutually agreed forms.

#### ***Article 4***

The activities for cooperation shall be organized and coordinated in operational order by Party experts designated by the relevant manager.

#### ***Article 5***

This Agreement is signed for a period of three years.

This Agreement shall enter into force on 26 November 2013, the date of its signing by representatives of the both Parties.

#### ***Article 6***

Either Party may unilaterally terminate this Agreement after three months from the date on which the other Party has received a written notice of that intention.

The responsibilities and commitments undertaken within this Agreement shall remain in force in accordance with the conditions set out therein, until termination of the Agreement.

#### ***Article 7***

Amendments and supplements to this Agreement may be made by mutual agreement of the Parties.

#### ***Article 8***

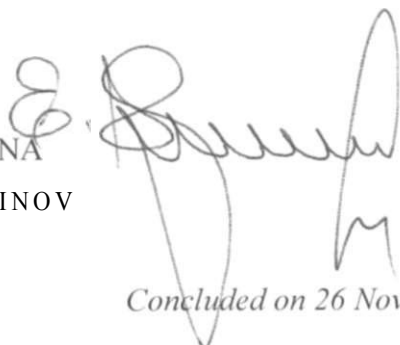
All correspondence between the Parties relating to the implementation of this Agreement shall be conducted in English.

#### ***Article 9***

This Agreement has been drawn up in the Bulgarian, Romanian and English languages and has been executed in 2 (two) copies, each having equal legal force and authenticity.

In the event of differences in the interpretation, preference shall be given to the English text.

ON BEHALF OF  
CDDAABCSSISBNA  
EVTIM KOSTADINOV



ON BEHALF OF  
IICCMRE  
ANDREI MURARU



*Concluded on 26 November 2013 in Sofia.*