



**WORKING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN  
THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
AND  
THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COLOMBIAN  
NATION**

## **WORKING ARRANGEMENT**

### **between the European Public Prosecutor's Office**

### **and the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation of Colombia**

The European Public Prosecutor's Office ('EPPO'), hereinafter referred to as "the EPPO", and

The Office of the Attorney General of the Nation,

Hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" or individually the "Party",

Taking into account the provisions of Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (the EPPO'), hereinafter referred to as 'the EPPO Regulation', and in particular Articles 99 and 104 thereof,

Bearing in mind that Article 250 of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Colombia provides that the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation has a constitutional duty to prosecute and carry out investigations into facts which may constitute punishable conduct, and which come to its knowledge. Book V of the Colombian Code of Criminal Procedure – Law 906 of 2004 regulates international legal cooperation,

Considering the will of the Parties to promote close cooperation in order to protect by investigative and procedural means the financial interests of the European Union and the Republic of Colombia, and to combat corruption, organised crime and other forms of serious crime,

Considering the desire of the Parties to establish mutually close cooperation in order to strengthen investigations and prosecutions, in particular under the multilateral and bilateral instruments adopted in the field of mutual legal assistance,

Taking into account that the EPPO is an independent body of the European Union (EU) investigating and prosecuting cases in the participating Member States,

Acknowledging that the European Delegated Prosecutors of the EPPO are at the same time active members of the public prosecution service of their respective Member States and have the same powers as national prosecutors in their respective Member States,

Considering, therefore, that, within its mandate, the EPPO may cooperate in criminal matters with the competent Colombian authorities either on the basis of international agreements to which the European Union and/or its participating Member States are parties, or on the basis of reciprocity or in accordance with the law of the Republic of Colombia, as appropriate,

Acknowledging that, in accordance with Article 99(3) of the EPPO Regulation, this Working Arrangement does not constitute a legal basis for the exchange of personal data,

Taking into account the competence of the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation of Colombia to investigate, prosecute and bring to judgment conduct which has the status of a criminal offence, in particular that committed by transnational criminal organisations, as well as to bring an action for asset forfeiture and the competence of the European Public Prosecutor's Office to investigate, prosecute and bring to justice the perpetrators of crimes against the financial interests of the European Union,

Aiming to facilitate cooperation in criminal matters, and especially the exchange of evidence and information to strengthen investigative processes and effective prosecution, in full respect of fundamental rights and respective legal frameworks,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

## **Section I**

### **General provisions**

#### **Article 1**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Working Arrangement is to promote legal cooperation between the Parties to facilitate investigations and prosecutions related to criminal offences within their respective competences, by facilitating the exchange of evidence and information in accordance with their respective legal frameworks, including applicable bilateral and/or multilateral instruments, as appropriate and in accordance with the guidelines provided for in this Working Arrangement.

This Working Arrangement may also facilitate technical cooperation between the Parties in order to promote exchanges of best practices and lessons learned, training on issues of common interest, and other similar activities.

#### **Article 2**

##### **Scope**

The Parties shall cooperate in all areas referred to in this Working Arrangement and within the scope of their respective legal frameworks and mandates.

### **Article 3**

#### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Working Arrangement:

- a) 'European Prosecutor' means the EPPO post-holder referred to in Articles 16 and 96(1) of the EPPO Regulation;
- b) 'European Delegated Prosecutor' means the EPPO post-holder of the EPPO referred to in Articles 17 and 96(6) of the EPPO Regulation;
- c) 'EPPO staff' means the staff and other persons referred to in Articles 2(4) and Article 98 of the EPPO Regulation;
- d) 'Personal data' means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person; and
- e) 'Information' means personal and non-personal data.

### **Article 4**

#### **Transfer of personal data**

Transfer of personal data between the Parties shall not take place under this Working Arrangement, and shall be subject to their respective legal frameworks, including relevant international agreements, where applicable.

### **Section II**

#### **Operational cooperation**

### **Article 5**

#### **Cooperation in the collection of evidence and information**

- (1) The Parties shall provide each other with the greatest extent of cooperation in gathering evidence and information, in accordance with their respective legal frameworks.

- (2) The Office of the Attorney General of the Nation of Colombia undertakes to cooperate with the EPPO, in accordance with its legal system, in the collection of evidence and information required by the EPPO for an investigation or prosecution conducted within its competence. Such cooperation may be provided on the basis of multilateral agreements, such as the United Nations Convention against Corruption or the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime, to which both the Republic of Colombia and the European Union are party, as well as the participating Member States of the European Public Prosecutor's Office, or on the basis of an international agreement to which both the Republic of Colombia and the Member State of the European Delegated Prosecutor handling the case are party, or, on the basis of reciprocity, in accordance with the law governing mutual assistance in criminal matters of the Republic of Colombia.
- (3) The EPPO undertakes to cooperate with the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation of Colombia in accordance with the applicable legal frameworks, in order to provide evidence and information in its possession necessary by the requesting authority for the conduct of criminal investigations or proceedings. Such cooperation may be provided under any of the applicable international agreements referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article or on the basis of reciprocity.

## Article 6

### Assets recovery

The Parties shall facilitate cooperation on the identification, location, freezing and recovery of assets, under the applicable legal frameworks. To this end, Article 5 shall *apply mutatis mutandis*.

## Article 7

### Joint investigation teams

- (1) The Parties may cooperate in setting up joint investigation teams in cases which would fall within the competence of the EPPO, and which are also of interest to the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation, in accordance with the applicable legal frameworks.
- (2) For the setting up of a joint investigation team, the Parties shall conclude specific agreements in accordance with applicable multilateral or bilateral international instruments, or in accordance with the law of the Republic of Colombia.

### Section III

#### Strategic cooperation and institutional matters

#### Article 8

##### Exchange of strategic and other information

- (1) The Parties may exchange strategic and other information in areas within their competence.
- (2) The information referred to in paragraph 1 shall not contain personal data.

#### Article 9

##### Meetings and other events

- (1) The Parties may organise high-level meetings as well as technical meetings at operational and administrative levels in particular to exchange good practices.
- (2) The Parties may cooperate in organising training sessions on matters of common interest and they may invite each other to seminars, workshops, conferences and other similar activities that are mutually relevant.

#### Article 10

##### Means and channels of communication

- (1) The Parties shall communicate by any means whereby a written record can be produced, including through secured means of electronic communication.
- (2) At operational level, the Parties shall communicate in accordance with the applicable legal frameworks

Requests for assistance addressed to the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Colombia shall be sent to:

The Directorate for International Affairs

Email: [d.asuntosinternacionales@fiscalia.gov.co](mailto:d.asuntosinternacionales@fiscalia.gov.co)

Requests for assistance addressed to the EPPO shall be sent to the Operations Unit, from the EPPO's central level in Luxembourg either by regular mail or by e-mail at:

Operations Unit, IBOA and Operational Cooperation Team,

11 Avenue John F. Kennedy, L-1855, Luxembourg,

E-mail: [EPPO-international-cooperation@epo.europa.eu](mailto:EPPO-international-cooperation@epo.europa.eu) when contacting the EPPO Operations Unit in Luxembourg.

- (3) At strategic and management level, the Parties shall communicate through the European Chief Prosecutor and the Attorney General of the Nation.

The Parties agree that the EPPO's contact point in the Office of the Attorney General of the Colombian nation is the Directorate for International Affairs ([d.asuntosinternacionales@fiscalia.gov.co](mailto:d.asuntosinternacionales@fiscalia.gov.co)); and the contact point of the Prosecutor General's Office in the EPPO is the Adviser to the European Chief Prosecutor for International Relations ([epo-executiveoffice@epo.europa.eu](mailto:epo-executiveoffice@epo.europa.eu)).

#### **Section IV**

#### **Final provisions**

#### **Article 11**

#### **Consultations**

The Parties shall consult each other on any matter which may lead to different interpretations of this Working Arrangement.

#### **Article 12**

#### **Expenditure**

Unless otherwise provided for in this Working Arrangement, the Parties shall bear their own costs arising during the implementation of this Working Arrangement.

#### **Article 13**

#### **Modifications**

This Working Arrangement may be modified in writing at any time by mutual consent between the Parties.

#### Article 14

##### Termination of the Working Arrangement

- (1) This Working Arrangement may be terminated in writing by either Party with three months' notice.
- (2) In case of termination, the Parties shall reach agreement on the continued use and storage of the information that has already been communicated between them.
- (3) Without prejudice to paragraph 1, the legal effects of this Working Arrangement shall remain in force.

#### Article 15

##### Entry into force

This Working Arrangement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Done at Luxembourg, on 20 May 2026, in two originals in English and Spanish, both texts being equally authentic.

For the European Public Prosecutor's Office,



Laura Codruța KÖVESI  
European Chief Prosecutor

For the Office of the Attorney General of the  
Nation of Colombia,



Luz Adriana CAMARGO GARZÓN  
Attorney General of the Nation