



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

WORKING ARRANGEMENT
between the European Public Prosecutor's Office
and the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay

The European Public Prosecutor's Office ('EPPO'); and

The Office of the Attorney General of the Nation of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay;

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 Regulation'), hereinafter referred to as 'the EPPO Regulation', and in particular Articles 99 and 104 thereof;

Taking into account the provisions of Article 185 of the Constitution of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Articles 3 and 5 (m) of Law 19.334 and Articles 43 to 45 of the Uruguayan Criminal Procedure Code;

Considering the willingness of the Parties to establish close cooperation in order to protect the financial interests of the European Union and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay by means of investigations and prosecutions, and to combat corruption, organised crime and other forms of serious crime;

Considering the desire of the Parties to establish close cooperation in the field of criminal investigations and prosecutions;

Bearing in mind that the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) is an independent body of the European Union (EU) tasked with investigating and prosecuting in the participating EU Member States;

Recognising 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;

Whereas, therefore, the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) may, within its mandate, cooperate in criminal matters with the competent authorities of Uruguay either on the basis of international agreements, such as the United Nations Convention against Corruption or the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime, to which the European Union or its Member States participating in the EPPO are party, or on the basis of reciprocity or in accordance with the legislation of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay;

Recognising 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 the Oriental Republic of Uruguay 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;

With the aim of facilitating international legal cooperation in criminal matters and the exchange of information between the Parties in order to ensure the effectiveness of investigations and prosecutions, in full respect of fundamental rights;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Section I
General provision

Article 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Working Arrangement is to facilitate cooperation between the Parties in investigations and prosecutions related to criminal offences within their respective competences, with regard to the exchange of evidence, operational and strategic information, as well as other forms of cooperation. Mutual legal assistance in criminal matters is provided in accordance with the applicable legal frameworks.

Article 2

Scope

The Parties cooperate, within the scope of their respective legal frameworks and mandates, in the following areas:

- (a) Exchange of operational data, strategic information, challenges and best practices in the fight against serious crimes falling within the Parties' competence;
- (b) Conducting coordinated investigations through the formation of joint investigation teams;
- (c) Spontaneous transmission of information, where it is considered likely to contribute to the conduct of investigation and prosecution by the competent authorities;
- (d) Exchange of legal information on legislation relating to criminal law, criminal procedure and international legal cooperation;
- (e) Organisation of training activities of common interest, including courses, seminars and conferences;
- (f) Improving mutual legal assistance in the field of criminal justice by facilitating direct communication between competent authorities.

Article 3

Definitions

For the purposes of this Working Arrangement, the following definitions apply:

- a) 'European Prosecutor' means the post-holder of the European Public Prosecutor's Office referred to in Articles 16 and 96 (1) of the EPPO Regulation;
- b) 'European Delegated Prosecutor' means the post-holder of the EPPO referred to in Articles 17 and 96 (6) of the EPPO Regulation;
- c) 'Staff of the European Public Prosecutor's Office' means the staff and other persons referred to in Articles 2 (4) and 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;
- e) 'Information' means personal and non-personal data.

Article 4

Data protection

- (1) The transfer of personal data between the Parties shall not take place within the framework of this Working Arrangement and shall be subject to their respective legal frameworks, including, where appropriate, relevant international agreements.
- (2) Any other information exchanged shall be subject to their respective legal frameworks, including relevant international agreements, where applicable.
- (3) The information exchanged shall only be used for the purpose for which it was provided and shall not be incorporated into any judicial or administrative proceedings without the prior written consent of the other Party.

Section II

Operational cooperation

Article 5

Cooperation on gathering evidence or operational information

- (1) The Parties provide each other with the broadest extent of cooperation in gathering evidence or operational information, in accordance with their respective applicable legal frameworks.
- (2) The Office of the Attorney General of the Nation undertakes to cooperate with the EPPO, in accordance with the applicable legal framework, in obtaining evidence or operational information needed by the EPPO for an investigation or prosecution conducted within its competence. Such cooperation shall 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 Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the European Union, as well as the participating Member States of the European Public Prosecutor's Office, are parties, or on the basis of an international agreement to which both the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the Member State of the European Delegated Prosecutor handling the case are parties, or on the basis of reciprocity, in accordance with the law governing mutual assistance in criminal matters of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.
- (3) The EPPO undertakes to cooperate with the Attorney General's Office of the Nation, in accordance with applicable legal frameworks, in providing necessary evidence or operational information in its possession needed by the requesting authority in criminal investigations or proceedings. Such cooperation shall be provided under any of the applicable international agreements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article or on the basis of reciprocity.

Article 6

Freezing of assets

The Parties undertake to facilitate cooperation for the freezing of assets in accordance with the applicable legal frameworks. For that purpose, the provisions of Article 5 apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 7

Joint investigation teams

- (1) The Parties may cooperate in setting up joint investigation teams in cases falling within the competence of the EPPO, in accordance with the applicable legal frameworks.
- (2) For the establishment of a joint investigation team, the Parties shall conclude specific arrangements, in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption or the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime, respectively, or in accordance with the law of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Section III

Strategic cooperation and institutional issues

Article 8

Exchange of strategic and other information

- (1) The Parties may exchange strategic and other non-operational 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 level.
- (2) The Parties may cooperate in the organisation of capacity building sessions on matters of common interest and may invite each other to seminars, workshops, conferences and other similar activities that are mutually relevant.

Article 10

Points of contact

- (1) For the purpose of facilitating cooperation under this Working Arrangement, the Parties designate the following contact points:

For the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay:

Department for International Cooperation

E-mail: area.internacional@fiscalia.gub.uy

Telephone: (+ 598) 1985 EXT. 1032 or 1039

Address: Paysandú 1283, Montevideo, Uruguay

For the European Public Prosecutor's Office:

For case-specific communications: Operations Unit, IBOA and Operational Cooperation Team

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

e-mail: epo-international-cooperation@epo.europa.eu

For other communications: Counsellor to the European Chief Prosecutor for International Relations

e-mail: eppo-executiveoffice@eppo.europa.eu

- (2) The Parties may, at any time, designate new or update existing contact points. Any change shall require the authorisation of the respective highest authority and shall be formally notified to the other Party at the email addresses indicated in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 11

Means and channels of communication

- (1) The Parties shall communicate by any means capable of producing a written record, including secure electronic means of communication.
- (2) At operational level, the Parties shall cooperate in accordance with their respective applicable legal frameworks.
- (3) Communications between the Parties shall be conducted in English or Spanish.

Section IV

Final provisions

Article 12

Consultations

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

Article 13

Expenses

Each Party shall bear its own costs arising from the implementation of the Working Arrangement.

Article 14

Amendments

This working arrangement may be amended in writing at any time by mutual consent between the Parties.

Article 15

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, termination of the agreement shall not affect acts performed during its period of validity.

Article 16

Entry into force

- (1) This Working Arrangement is signed by the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay *ad referendum*, and is subject to the subsequent approval process before the competent authorities of the signatory body.
- (2) The Working Arrangement shall enter into force on the day following the date on which the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay notifies the European Public Prosecutor's Office of the completion of its internal approval procedures.

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 the Oriental Republic of Uruguay**



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