

# MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia and the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Considering the necessity of legal cooperation between the Constitutional Courts of the two countries,

Reached the following understanding:

#### Article 1

# **Purpose of Memorandum**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the "MoC") is to provide a framework for cooperation in the field of legal interaction, exchange of experience of judicial activities, researching of effective constitutional law of both countries and the practice of its application in disputes in the sphere of constitutional law for the perfection of the judicature and substantial securing of commonly-recognised democratic principles, guarantees of protection of individual rights and freedoms.

#### Article 2

# **Scope of Cooperation**

On the basis of this MoC, the Parties will cooperate in the following forms:

 Mutual exchange of information on judicial systems and the functions of constitutional law institutions of either of the two countries;

- Exchange of acts adopted by the Parties within their competencies, containing legal positions, and other materials of legal character upon request of the Parties;
- Organisation of mutual visits of judges and staff members for the purpose of exchanging of information concerning the activities of constitutional review bodies;
- d. Organisation of joint conferences and seminars on the judicial and legal issues representing mutual interest;
- Exchange of knowledge, experience and officially published research papers;
- f. Other forms agreed by the Parties.

#### Article 3

# **Implementing Mechanism**

- (1) Communications between the Parties for the implementation of this MoC will be assigned to relevant departments of the Parties responsible for international cooperation.
- (2) Documents exchanged under this MoC, will be provided in English. Exchange of materials under Items a, b, e of Article 2 of this MoC subject to the existence thereof in English, will be conducted in that language; in other cases the language shall be determined through mutual consultations. The Parties in certain cases shall determine upon their consent the languages for other specific forms of cooperation under this MoC.
- (3) In case of necessity, expenses arising from conduct of cooperation under this MoC will be discussed by the Parties through consultations on a case-by-case basis.

#### Article 4

# **Legal Status**

This MoC cannot be interpreted as an international treaty or an agreement, legally binding under international law.

#### **Article 5**

# **Settlement of Differences**

The Parties will resolve any differences arising from the interpretation of this MoC through negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

## **Articles 6**

## **Amendments**

Amendments to this MoC will be made on the basis of mutual written consent between the Parties.

## Article 7

## **Final Provisions**

This MoC will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain effective for a period of five years. The effect of the MoC will automatically be extended for another five years. Either Party may notify in a written form the other Party of its intention to terminate the MoC. In this case, the MoC shall be terminated upon the expiry of three months after such a notification was despatched by the Party.

Signed in St. Petersburg on 13 November 2014 in two original copies, each in Russian, Indonesian and English language, all the text being equally authentic, in case of differences in interpretation of the text of this MoC, it is solved in accordance with Article 5 taking into account the texts of the MoC on all the languages indicated above.

For the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia

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For the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation

Chief Justice Hamdan Zoelva President Valery Zorkin