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Memorandum of Understanding
between
Dignity Danish Institute Against Torture
AND
The Tunisian order of Lawyers

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The National Order of Lawyers of Tunisia (Tunisian Bar Association) is a Tunisian professional non-profit organization grouping all lawyers registered and practicing in Tunisia.

The ONAT defends and represents the body of lawyers in the country. The headquarters of the order is located in Tunis. ONAT provides a training mission and encourages lawyers and trainee lawyers to acquire new skills, particularly in the fields of human rights, the fight against torture, the documentation of ill-treatment and torture cases.

DIGNITY Danish Institute Against Torture:

DIGNITY Danish Institute Against Torture is an independent non-governmental organization against Torture established on 1982 in Denmark. DIGNITY is present in more than 20 partner countries with more than thirty years of experience in rehabilitating victims of torture and organized violence and in the prevention of torture.

In January 2012, DIGNITY opened an office in Tunisia that was tasked with a vast program of support to Tunisian actors (state actors: Ministry of Justice and civil society) through cooperation partnerships on 3 axes: a research axis. prevention and fight against torture and urban violence), access to justice and a rehabilitation axis for survivors of torture.

Convinced to establish close cooperation ties in the prevention and fight against torture, forensic documentation, and research.

Opting to use their mutual experiences in this area.

Taking into consideration their respective commitments and skills.

Preamble

This memorandum is part of a capacity building program initiated by DIGNITY for the Tunisian Bar Association (ONAT) and CROM Tunis to provide a joint training to doctors and lawyers on the documentation of torture with the aim of disseminating the same expertise to different stakeholders and establishing channels of discussion between lawyers and the medical profession in this regard



This memorandum of understanding shall be applied in the following areas:

- Cooperation in the field of lawyer's advocacy in the prevention of torture.
- Capacity building of lawyers in the documentation of torture and initiation to forensic.
- Exchange of information and expertise concerning the organizational methods of activities of the two stakeholders and their respective structures.
- Researches cooperation in the field of prevention and the fight against torture, particularly with the Research Center for Lawyers.

Article 2:

The two parties shall designate focal points and specialized working groups to identify areas of cooperation, develop programs related to these areas, and develop and implement them.

Article 3.

The two parties shall determine the means that enable their communication and exchange of expertise in a direct manner. They shall also proceed with the elaboration of executive programs including precise cooperation axes based on jointly defined timetable for the implementation this memorandum of understanding.

Article 4:

Both parties shall facilitate the organization of seminars and scientific meetings related to issues of common interest in the prevention and the fight against torture in accordance with a specific agreement specific to each activity.



Article 5:

By consulting each other, each of the two stakeholders may involve a third party or more in the execution of a program as part of the implementation of this memorandum of understanding.

Article 6:

DIGNITY will cover the costs of cooperative activities pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding within the limits of the dedicated funds and as mutually agreed upon as detailed in the Annex of this Memorandum.

Article 7:

Both parties will settle any dispute that may arise from the interpretation or application of this memorandum of understanding amicably and through consultation.

Article 8:

This memorandum of understanding enters into force starting from the date of its signature.

Article 9:

This memorandum is concluded for an indefinite period. However, either party may terminate this agreement at any time by written notice to the other party.

The MOU expires after three months from the date of notification.

The memorandum of understanding may be amended by mutual agreement of both parties.



Article 10:

In all activities covered by this MOU, both parties shall agree to include the logo of DIGNITY and ONAT Tunis and its backers on material and other media related to these activities.

Article 11:

Both Parties shall undertake to keep strictly confidential and not to disclose or communicate to third parties, by any means whatsoever, the information that will be transmitted to or to which it will have access during the execution of this memorandum .

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