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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LAW, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO, AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF MEXICO IN DENVER, REGARDING LAWFUL AND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO MEXICAN NATIONALS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CRIME IN COLORADO

The Colorado Department of Law (by and through the Colorado Attorney General) ("the Colorado Attorney General"), the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado ("the U.S. Attorney's Office"), and the Consulate General of Mexico in Denver ("the Consulate"), hereinafter referred as "the Participants";

CONSIDERING that the Governments of the United States of America and the United Mexican States regard the consular protection of their nationals living and traveling abroad a priority;

BEARING IN MIND that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, working in Colorado through the Consulate, represents the United Mexican States before the proper authorities in the United States of America, in terms of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations;

RECOGNIZING that the common goal of the Participants is to protect and respect human rights under law of all people living or traveling in Colorado, and particularly to protect and respect the rights of all such persons who have been victims of crime regardless of their immigration status; and

RECOGNIZING the importance of promoting respect for human rights and in particular of building a culture of prevention and cooperation with law enforcement within the Mexican community living and traveling in Colorado, the Participants enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), as follows:

Section I
Objective

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a collaborative relationship between the Participants for mutual efforts to increase the protection and promotion of the lawful rights of Mexican nationals who reside or travel in Colorado and become victims of crime, as well as to promote trust between the Mexican community in Colorado and all levels of law enforcement in Colorado.

Section II
Scope

To achieve the objective of this MOU, the Participants, consistent with their respective resources, legal authority and obligations, intend to collaborate to:

1. Identify opportunities to render lawful assistance support to Mexican nationals who are victims of crime.

2. Organize and coordinate community meetings and workshops, where appropriate, with a focus on the Mexican community, to provide information about the diverse legal and social resources available to assist victims of crime.

3. Improve collaboration between law enforcement agencies in Colorado to build a culture of prevention and trust within the Mexican community living or traveling in Colorado.

Section III
Responsibilities of the Participants

1. The Consulate, consistent with its resources, legal authority and obligations, intends to:

   a. Coordinate a program of preventive protection that includes informative meetings to foster a relationship of trust and cooperation with law enforcement agencies in the Mexican community living and traveling in Colorado.

   b. Promote the work performed in conjunction with law enforcement agencies for the information of the Mexican community in Colorado.

2. The U.S. Attorney's Office and the Colorado Attorney General, consistent with their respective resources, legal authority and obligations, intend to:

   a. Assist with informational meetings organized by the Consulate to foster a culture of prevention, trust and collaboration with law enforcement agencies in the Mexican community living and travelling in Colorado.

   b. Participate in the promotion of the work performed in conjunction with the Consulate, for the information of the Mexican community.

Section IV
General Provisions

For the purpose of this MOU, the Consulate designates its address as the one located at 5350 Leetsdale Drive, Denver, CO 80246; the U.S. Attorney's Office designates its address as the one located at 1225 17th Street, 7th Floor, Denver, CO 80202; the Colorado Attorney General designates its address as the one located at 1300 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203.

Each Participant intends to notify the Others in a timely way of any change of address, telephone number, or email.

Section V
Coordination and Monitoring

To achieve the objective of this MOU, each Participant designates a coordinator who is to be responsible for formulating actions for that Participant to collaborate as set forth in this MOU. Coordinators may assemble whenever they consider it appropriate.

The Consulate appoints the Consul for Protection and Legal Affairs, the U.S. Attorney's Office appoints the United States Attorney and its Civil Rights Coordinator and the Colorado Attorney General appoints the Deputy Attorney General for the Section of Criminal Justice as their respective coordinators for this MOU.

Section VI
Effect, Privileges and Immunities

This MOU, as a statement of intent and collaboration is subject to and does not alter any applicable laws or policies, particularly any laws or policies that may authorize or limit the activities of each of the Participants. This MOU does not create binding or enforceable legal obligations and/or rights of any kind with respect to the Participants, either to each other or to third parties, and does not create enforceable legal obligations and/or rights for any other person or entity.

Similarly, nothing in this MOU is intended to constitute or be construed as an express or implied waiver of the rights, privileges and immunities that the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations confers to the Consulate; nor does this MOU or its content imply, under any circumstances, that there is or there could be an employment or agency relationship between the Consulate and/or its employees and the U.S. Attorney's Office or Colorado Attorney General under this MOU, or vice versa.

Section VII
Interpretation and Application

The Participants may hold consultations at any time, in order to address any aspect regarding the interpretation or application of this MOU.

Section VIII
Final Provisions

The Participants intend this MOU to be effective from the date of its signature and to continue in effect until any Participant decides to discontinue it, by giving notice in writing. This MOU may be modified through mutual, written understanding of all the Participants.

Signed at Denver, Colorado, United States of America, the 17th day of November, 2014, in the English and Spanish languages.

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