MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

AND

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

in the areas of labour, employment and social policy

The Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Macedonia and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants"),

On the basis of mutually expressed interest in developing of cooperation in the areas of labour, employment and social policy,

Recognizing the significance of the integration of the Republic of Macedonia in the European Union and with the wish to contribute to the development of friendly relations between the Participants,

With an intention to create significant contribution towards cooperation between both countries,

Are ready to cooperate in the areas of labour, employment and social policy and have come to the following understanding:

Section 1

Both Participants will exchange experience and information in the areas of labour, employment and social policy.

Section 2

The cooperation will be conducted in the following areas:

- Care for people from vulnerable groups;
- Social services:
- Social insurance;
- Social benefits;
- Labour law:
- Labour market and employment policy;
- Social dialogue and collective bargaining.

Section 3

The cooperation may take the following forms:

- Expert consultations;
- Participation of experts in conferences, seminars and other international events organized by both Participants;
- Exchange of legislative and professional documents, as well as other materials in the areas of labour, employment and social policy;
- Study visits by the staff of the two Participants;
- Elaboration and realization of common projects in the fields of labour, employment and social policy.

Section 4

Financing of the activities within the framework of this Memorandum will be carried out from each Participant's own budget funds. Each Participant will pay the costs for the stays of their participants on the territory of the state of other Participant.

Section 5

This Memorandum does not constitute a legally binding instrument under international law and does not preclude the rights of the Participants to use any other form of international cooperation.

Signed in Prague on 26th Hay 2015 in two originals in English.

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