

AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

This Agreement of Understanding is made and entered by and between the Attorney General of Baja California of the United Mexican States and the Attorney General of Indiana of the United States of America, hereafter the "interested parties."

WHEREAS the United States of America and the United Mexican States are two sovereign and independent nations that share common values and a vision of prosperity and security for North America;

WHEREAS the United States of America and the United Mexican States maintain strategic linkages and established collaborative partnerships among numerous stakeholders at all levels of government and the private sector;

WHEREAS state attorneys general of the United States of America and the United Mexican States are committed to strengthening binational cooperation as expressed at the August 1-2, 2009, 2nd Meeting of United States – Mexico Attorneys General hosted by the Conference of Western Attorneys General and Mexico's National Conference of Attorneys General in Sun Valley, Idaho;

WHEREAS current international conditions and challenges to combat organized crime, as well as the recently enacted Merida Initiative, have magnified the role of state attorneys general in the United States of America and the United Mexican States to ensure justice, safety, and liberty to encourage economic prosperity for all citizens within their jurisdictions;

WHEREAS crimes such as human trafficking, weapons trafficking, money laundering, and Internet crimes against children transcend international borders thereby requiring effective and ongoing cooperation between state and federal authorities in Mexico and the United States;

WHEREAS the State of Baja California is undertaking significant judicial reform efforts, transforming its criminal justice procedures from a mixed inquisitorial and written system to an oral, adversarial and transparent system that enhances the use of scientific evidence in criminal prosecutions;

WHEREAS the criminal adjudication process in the United States of America is based on an adversarial criminal procedural system that bases its criminal investigations on scientific evidence;

WHEREAS both governments benefit from a stronger relationship and from actions that promote the rule of law and cooperation in both states;

The interested parties commit to collaborate through the Conference of Western Attorneys General to:

- Share legal and educational knowledge via workshops, seminars and study tours;
- Participate in the exchange information on best practices in the area of criminal investigations;
- Support educational exchange programs between institutions that operate in the criminal justice system;
- Share information and evaluation of new technologies, software and hardware;
- Cultivate an understanding of the issues and legal remedies available to prosecute in human trafficking, weapons trafficking, money laundering, and Internet crimes against children cases;

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As a member of the Conference of Western Attorneys General and through the joint support of that organization, the Attorney General of Indiana pledges to:

- Encourage Indiana prosecutors to assist in the training in the State of Baja California related to case management and organization as well as preparing cases for trial;
- Work with law enforcement entities to share information, investigation and prosecution tactics and techniques, preparing criminal cases, cross-examination, forensic interviewing, and preparation of witnesses and victims for trial;
- Share information on wanted criminals that might have fled to Mexico; and

- Appoint a CWAG staff person to serve as a resource of key personnel at the Indiana Attorney General's Office to facilitate task force work and sharing of information.

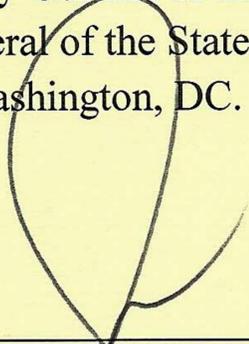
The Baja California, Mexico Attorney General pledges to:

- Share information on wanted criminals that might have fled to the United States;
- Share information, investigation and prosecution tactics and techniques on human trafficking, drug trafficking, weapons smuggling, and internet crimes against children;
- Cover travel costs, including hotel accommodations and meals, and salary of Mexican government officials, attorneys, and law enforcement personnel that will participate in Indiana trainings;
- Cover travel costs, including hotel accommodations and meals of Indiana personnel that agree to conduct training and/or seminars in Baja California; and
- Guarantee the presence of Spanish and English interpreter when needed.

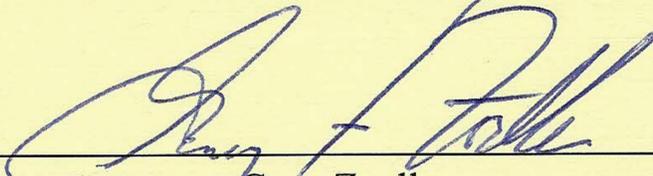
Implementation of these efforts is based upon the financial support and commitment by the appropriate federal entities and their partners defraying expenses to the State of Indiana.

The parties certify that the terms and conditions are acceptable and thus subscribe this Agreement of Understanding.

It is signed and ratified by the Attorney General of the State of Baja California of the United Mexican States and the Attorney General of the State of Indiana of the United States of America on this 3rd day of March of 2010 in Washington, DC.



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