



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between the

**Caribbean Ombudsman Association**

and the

**International Ombudsman Institute**

The Caribbean Ombudsman Association, hereafter called CAROA, and the International Ombudsman Institute, hereafter called IOI,

Guided by the will to establish between them a mutually advantageous and cooperative relationship, with a view to sharing best practices in the field of supervision of public administration and protection and promotion of human rights,

Recognizing that they share similar objectives to strengthen the concept of ombudsmanship, and encouraging existing and new ombudsman institutions in their work of assisting, enhancing and protecting civil and human rights,

Have agreed on the following:

### **Article 1**

#### **Cooperation**

In order to facilitate the achievement of the objectives set out in the basic legal texts pertaining to each organization and within the limits of their competence set up by their respective regulations, CAROA and IOI agree to cooperate and provide each other mutual support in the field of protection

and promotion of civil liberties and human rights and the strengthening of the concept of the ombudsman.

CAROA and IOI agree that specific links of friendship, cooperation and exchange of experience and best practice will be established and a program of cooperation in sectors of mutual interest will be shared.

This cooperation may take several forms, including but not limited to mutual participation in conferences, seminars and meetings, organization of study visits and training workshop as well as the general exchange of information and expertise.

## **Article 2**

### **Participation in conferences and meeting**

CAROA and IOI may invite each other to participate in conferences, seminars, workshops and trainings that they organise in the field of ombudsmanship and/or human rights.

CAROA and IOI agree that the participation of both parties in all activities deemed beneficial to their respective progress, and consistent with each organization's founding principles, shall be mutually encouraged. Representatives from each organisation may be mutually invited to attend congresses and conferences by its counterpart or any international or regional organizations and associations whose activities are consistent with the objectives and common references set out by this agreement.

## **Article 3**

### **Study visits and training workshops**

CAROA and IOI may organise study visits, training workshops and other actions aimed at exchanging professional experience and improving the mutual training of their staff.

Participation of members from CAROA and IOI at training workshops organized by its counterpart shall be encouraged whenever the project budget allows for it.

#### **Article 4**

##### **Exchange of information**

CAROA and IOI may exchange information on their important decisions and activities in the fields of mutual interest defined by this agreement and in compliance with their respective regulations. In doing so, exchange of information and contact between members of CAROA and IOI shall be encouraged and promoted by each institution.

CAROA and IOI may share legislation, legal documents, background documents, research papers or issue position papers on issues of mutual interest.

CAROA and IOI agree to assist each other to the greatest extent possible, in providing consultation to consolidate the role of each institution in promoting and protecting human rights and ombudsman ship throughout the world.

#### **Article 5**

##### **Terms and conditions**

The terms and conditions of the organization of specific activities will be decided upon by the parties in each case. In order to put this agreement into effect, CAROA and IOI commit themselves to keeping up regular contacts and engaging in mutual consultations.

#### **Article 6**

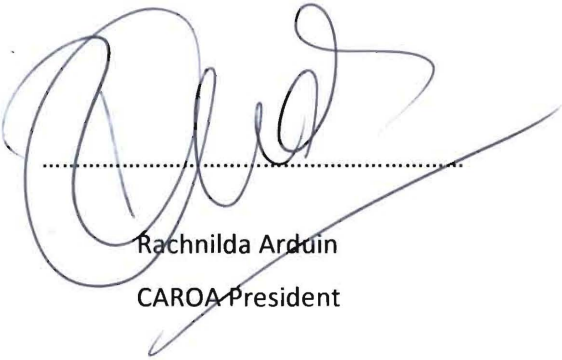
##### **Entry into force, amendment, denunciation**

This agreement shall enter into force on the date it is signed by both parties. It shall remain valid for five years and will be extended automatically for the same length of time if none of the parties gives written notice to the other of its desire to put an end to the agreement at least three months before the expiry.

Amendments and complements to this agreement may be proposed at the initiative of any one of the parties. The amendments shall enter into force when they have been approved by both parties.

This agreement may be renounced by any one of the parties by giving written notice to the other. The agreement shall be terminated three months from the date of such notice.

This agreement was signed in Bonaire on ..... June 2017 in two sets and three versions, namely: English, French and Spanish. The English version shall be considered as the original.



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