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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE OF THE STATE OF JALISCO AND THE  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND TO MEXICO THROUGH THE PROSPERITY  
FUND ANTI-CORRUPTION AND RULE OF LAW PROGRAMME**

The Comptroller's Office, and the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Mexico, through the Prosperity Fund Anticorruption and Rule of Law Programme, henceforth referred to as "the Participants";

Have reached the following understanding:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) recognises that:
  - a. The Government of the State of Jalisco aims to increase the efficiency of the administration of human and economic resources of the government institutions through an integral, ethic government that prioritises public interests, through the strengthening of an internal control system that prevents, monitors and audits the law enforcement, integrity standards, and the consolidation of the Local Anticorruption System. The objective of the Comptroller's Office is to guarantee the efficiency of the Executive Power at state level to achieve its institutional objectives, prevent corruption and promote integrity, through the scrutiny of public resources, accountability and the strengthening of the Internal Controls System. The Comptroller's Office aims at strengthening the public service by promoting best practices to prevent corruption cases with the objective of creating a efficient, transparent and accountable public service.



- b. The Government of the United Kingdom is working on a mechanism to maximise shared prosperity and support social inclusion based on the detection and investigation of crimes prioritised [murder, embezzlement, and cyber fraud] for the areas of Anticorruption and Rule of Law, by working in collaboration with local institutions to guarantee equality in access to justice. The Government of the United Kingdom joins the efforts to guarantee universal access to justice and to rely on responsible and effective institutions, in line with Objective 16 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels”, through supporting the consolidation of the systems of Anticorruption and accusatory penal justice in Mexico with gender and inclusion perspective.
2. The present Memorandum of Understanding establishes the commitment of the Participants to implement a formal mechanism of bilateral cooperation to prevent and tackle corruption.
  3. For the achievement of its respective goals, the Participants will cooperate in the following areas [the “Objectives”]:
    - a. Strengthening and development of standards. Adoption of policies, processes and/or standards, to improve the processes of detection and investigation of homicides.
    - b. Strengthening technical capabilities. Augment the quality of public services through the development and strengthening of the capabilities of public servants working on the detection and investigation of embezzlement.
    - c. Inter-institutional cooperation. Improve coordination between anticorruption justice institutions.
  4. The Participants will be able to exchange information and experiences through the Programme *Strand Governance Board* [consultative mechanism, established through the Terms of Reference of the Anticorruption and Rule of Law Programme Strand Governance Board]; through the *Communities of Practice* to be established by the Programme with the aim of promoting coordination between institutions and operators of the anticorruption and justice system; through knowledge sharing visits, and exchange of best practices and experiences between the United Kingdom and Mexico, as well as those activities which promote the achievement of the Objectives.
  5. The Participants will decide on the support and supplies considered necessary to streamline each cooperation activity, including: confidentiality agreements, access to premises, human resources, security and protection on field visits and various other contributions to the Objectives.
  6. The Participants designate the following areas for the development and follow-up of activities under this MoU:
    - a. For the Comptroller’s Office: the Unit to Prevent and Tackle Corruption.



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b. For the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Mexico: the Prosperity Fund Team.

The Participants may decide to designate other units, institutions or organisms to participate in the Programme activities in accordance with the present MoU when deemed appropriate.

7. This MoU is applicable from the date of its signature for a period of thirty-four (34) months, concluding in December 2022.
8. The present MoU may be modified in writing through a decision made by the Participants.
9. Either of the Participants may end their participation in the present MoU at any moment, after notifying the other Participant with three (3) months' notice.
10. The Participants will sustain consultations and monitoring activities actions, in any moment and at least once a year, to attend to any matter related to the application or interpretation of the present MoU.
11. The Participants commit not divulge or diffuse any information labelled as "confidential" or "reserved" related to the activities carried out in accordance with this MoU, in accordance with applicable law.
12. The British Embassy has appointed PA Consulting Services Limited as Primary Service Delivery Partner to deliver the Technical Assistance programme in Anti-corruption and Rule of Law in Mexico.
13. This MoU does not constitute a legally binding instrument, rather a mechanism for coordination in goodwill between the Participants.

Signed in Guadalajara, Jalisco, on the 21st of February of the year 2020, in four original copies in the Spanish (2) and English (2) language, with both texts being equally valid.

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OFFICE OF THE STATE OF  
JALISCO**

**FOR THE EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT  
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN  
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