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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
VENEZUELA**

**Memorandum of Understanding relating to co-operation to  
curb traffic in the field of narcotics. Signed at Caracas  
on 28 March 1978**

*Authentic texts: English and Spanish.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 5 December 1979.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
VENEZUELA**

**Mémorandum d'accord relatif à la coopération dans le  
domaine de la lutte contre les stupéfiants. Signé à  
Caracas le 28 mars 1978**

*Textes authentiques : anglais et espagnol.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 5 décembre 1979.*

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING<sup>1</sup>

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela, as parties to the Single Convention of 1961 on Narcotic Drugs<sup>2</sup> and as signatories of the amending protocol of 1972,<sup>3</sup> in conformity with existing international agreements on the control of dangerous drugs and the unlawful traffic of the same, have agreed as follows:

1. To reaffirm their decision to cooperate with each other, and with other nations as well, in every possible way in the elimination of the unlawful use and the illicit traffic in and smuggling of narcotics and other dangerous drugs by means of the prevention, prohibition and suppression of same, providing for the swift apprehension and extradition, where appropriate, of persons so involved.

2. To cooperate as signatories of the present Memorandum in all aspects of prevention, investigation, and rehabilitation related to the improper use of drugs and in suppression of illegal trafficking of the same.

3. In carrying out the terms of the two preceding paragraphs, both Parties will establish a Mixed Commission composed of members appointed as their representatives by the Governments of the United States of America and Venezuela. One of the members to be appointed by Venezuela will be the Special Commissioner who serves as chairman and coordinator of the Venezuelan Commission Against Drug Abuse.

4. The Commission shall be located in the city of Caracas, Republic of Venezuela, and shall meet monthly, or as often as shall be mutually agreed.

5. The cooperation referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall consist of:

- The exchange of all legally permissible information on the subject;
- The preparation and implementation of specific programs under Venezuelan leadership in accordance with the common objectives established in paragraphs 1 and 2;
- The giving of support to the activities of the International Organizations of the United Nations on this program; and
- The participation in other multilateral programs for combatting the unlawful use of and illicit traffic in narcotics and dangerous drugs.

Specific programs of cooperation may involve: training, advice, special equipment, and other mutually agreed support.

6. In carrying out the terms of this Memorandum, both Parties shall provide all the necessary personnel and support needed to achieve successfully the objectives set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 and any agreed programs developed in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Memorandum, subject to the availability of resources of both Governments. However, should any particular program

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 28 March 1978 by signature, in accordance with section 8.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 151; vol. 557, p. 280 (corrigendum to vol. 520, p. 309); vol. 570, p. 346 (procès-verbal of rectification of the authentic Russian text), and vol. 590, p. 325 (procès-verbal of rectification of the authentic Spanish text).

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 976, p. 3.

approved by the United States-Venezuelan Mixed Commission within the framework of this Memorandum be initiated, both Parties pledge to endeavor to carry it out subject to the availability of resources previously assigned for the execution of same.

7. The signatories of this Memorandum agree that the scope and implementation of the cooperation referred to herein shall be decided by the United States-Venezuelan Commission established in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Memorandum and by its subcommittees or working groups appointed by the Commission from among its members. These decisions shall be carried out exclusively by the competent authorities of the signatory State in whose territory they apply.

8. The Memorandum shall come into force as of the date of its signing.

DONE in the city of Caracas, capital of the Republic of Venezuela, on the twenty-eighth day of the month of March of the year 1978, in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the United States of America:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of the Republic of Venezuela:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by Cyrus R. Vance — Signé par Cyrus R. Vance.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by Consalvi — Signé par Consalvi.