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PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

**THE DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC**

AND

**THE DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE
TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

The Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic and the Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, hereinafter referred to as the „Signatories“;

Desirous of establishing and developing cooperation regarding diplomatic staff training,

Have decided as follows:

I

This Protocol is intended to create conditions for maintaining regular contacts and promoting cooperation between the two diplomatic institutions.

II

The Signatories decide that a priority task of such cooperation is to elaborate and introduce modern methods in training specialists in the field of foreign diplomacy, international relations, international law, foreign economic relations, political science and other subjects of the curriculum as well as to inform each other on matters relevant to teaching techniques along with the exchange of relevant literature and publications.

III

The Signatories will cooperate through programs of basic and specialised courses. The Signatories may exchange teaching materials. On the basis of reciprocity, the Signatories may exchange lecturers and students with a view to upgrading their professional qualifications. The Signatories will exchange experience concerning the organization of teaching institutions.

IV

The Signatories may organize participation of their experts in conferences, symposia and panel discussions, by informing each other of these activities in due time.

V

The Signatories may promote the organization of meetings of Foreign Ministry officials and representatives of diplomatic missions of the two countries with the students and faculty of the Academies on issues of mutual interest.

VI

The cost related to the above cooperation will be borne by each Signatory.

VII

Cooperation between Signatories will be realized on the basis of the Annual Plan of Cooperation (APC). APC will summarize next year's cooperation and will encourage actualization of the Protocol for every year. Signatories will do their best to exchange their drafts of the APC till the end of November and to finalize the common text of APC till the end of every year

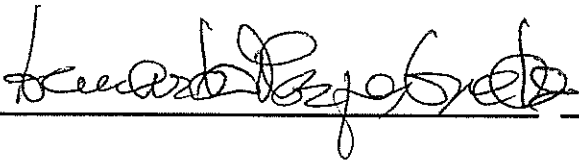
VIII

The present Protocol shall come into effect on the date of its signature by both Signatories.

The present Protocol shall cease to have effect on the date on which either Signatory gives a prior written notice of ninety days to the other Signatory of its intention to terminate it.

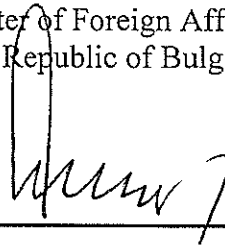
Done in Lisbon on the 12th of November 2007 in two originals, both in the English language.

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