

Memorandum of Cooperation between the  
United Nations Office at Vienna  
and Odbor Antirate Kampanje Hrvatske

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- I. The United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV) is the executing agency of a Social Reconstruction Programme in the United Nations Protected Area Sector West, being undertaken in full cooperation with the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR).

The immediate objective of the programme is facilitating the return of displaced persons to their homes and the revitalization of socio-economic activities in the region, through community focussed self-help and social action schemes.

The long term objective is peacebuilding, to ease social tensions, and re-establish normal relations between the Croat and Serb ethnic groups.

A major component of the programme is to assist with the repair of homes and the social infrastructure. The other major component is to help organize community based services for women, the elderly, disabled, and youth. The mobilization of external resources in support of project operations is an important ancillary objective.

According to the project agreement, UNPROFOR has the right to interrupt, postpone or halt any reconstruction activity. All programmes are coordinated with UNPROFOR and UNHCR.

- II. The Odbor Antirate Kampanje Hrvatske (Tkalciceva 38, 41000 Zagreb, Croatia) is familiar with the UNDP/UNOV Social Reconstruction Programme, shares its objectives and has agreed to work within the framework of the Programme, as described above.

Specifically, the ARK will mobilize international volunteers, arrange for their transport to Pakrac, accommodation and food.

ARK will be responsible for the welfare of the volunteers. It is, however, understood that the volunteers will be responsible for arranging, at their own expense, medical, life, or other types of insurance, covering their travel to, and stay in the UNPA - Sector West.

ARK will seek to facilitate the reception of volunteers in the local community, be responsible for the discipline and good behaviour.

III. The Programme Management of the UNDP/UNOV Social Reconstruction Programme will brief the volunteers about the social reconstruction programme, their responsibilities, and the context in which they are working.

The UN Programme Management will discuss with the local authorities suitable projects on which the volunteers can be involved.

The UN Programme Management shall discuss with the local authorities the working conditions and attempt to secure a relatively safe working environment, through the provision of basic safety equipment. UNPROFOR has the responsibility for security in the Sector and will advise on any potential dangers. All instructions of UNPROFOR must be strictly followed.

The UN Programme Management will monitor the work assigned to the volunteers and seek to resolve any work related issues with the local authorities.

The United Nations shall in no way be responsible for any damage to property or injury to any person resulting from the actions of any volunteer. Each volunteer will sign a release renouncing, in advance, all potential claims against the United Nations for any accident, damage to property, injury to persons or death that may arise.

IV. Both the UN Programme Management and ARK shall seek to obtain the working tools, materials and the necessary resources for the volunteers to carry out their work.

Regular consultations shall be held about the projects.

Any dispute arising out of, or in connection with this memorandum of cooperation shall, if attempts at settlement by negotiation have failed, be submitted to arbitration in Vienna by a single arbitrator, agreed to by both sides.

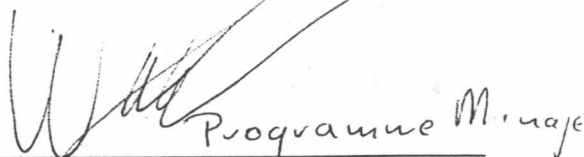
V. Nothing in this Memorandum of Cooperation shall be construed as a waiver or modification of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations.

For United Nations Office at Vienna  
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Kampanje Hrvatske

  
Programme Manager

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