

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF KOSOVO**

**ESTABLISHING A MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN**

**SWISS CONFEDERATION**

**AND**

**THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO**

The Swiss Federal Council and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, hereinafter called "the Signatories"

RECALLING the international multilateral instruments in the field of migration the Signatories are parties to;

DESIRING, on the basis of the principle of reciprocity, to deepen and expand their dialogue and co-operation in the field of migration, to identify opportunities offered therein and to find constructive solutions to the challenges of global migration;

Have reached understandings on a Migration Partnership as follows:

The Signatories will consider ways of establishing a regular and constant dialogue and a common reflecting process in order to enhance their cooperation in the field of migration, especially in the areas listed hereafter:

- Management of migration flows;
- Visa issues, consular and administrative matters;
- Readmission of nationals, stateless persons and of third-country nationals;
- Return assistance;
- Prevention of irregular migration;
- Fight against smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings;

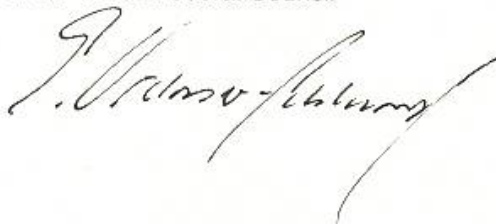
- Co-operation in the field of education and training;
- Promotion of transfer of sentenced persons;
- Migration and socio-economic development;
- Diaspora relations;
- Integration;
- Capacity building in migration administration authorities;
- Other areas concerning the movement of populations between the Signatories' territories.

The Federal Department of Justice and Police, on behalf of the Swiss Federal Council, and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kosovo, on behalf of the Government of Kosovo, oversee the implementation of the Migration Partnership described in the present Memorandum of Understanding, if necessary through the establishment of a mechanism for bilateral consultations.

The provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding do not create any legal rights and obligations between the Signatories.

Done in duplicate in Bern, on 3 February 2010, in the official languages of Kosovo (Albanian and Serbian) and in the English language, whereas all the versions are of equal value.

For the Swiss Federal Council



For the Government of Kosovo

