

Agreement between the Latin American and Caribbean Council for Civil Registration, Identification and Vital Statistics and the International Commission on Civil Status

First: Background

The Latin American and Caribbean Council for Civil Registration, Identity and Vital Statistics (hereinafter **CLARCIEV**) aims to promote and facilitate coordination, support and cooperation amongst the government bodies and institutions of the member states, modernisation, the integration of technologies whose compatibility enables interoperability between institutions and countries, in order to provide reliable, secure, trustworthy and legally binding services, in full collaboration with other public and private bodies in each country, supporting the democratic system and public safety, but above all ensuring people's access to their rights through the recognition of their identity, in accordance with the legislation in force in each country.

The **International Commission on Civil Status** (hereinafter **ICCS**) is an intergovernmental organisation whose aim is to promote international cooperation in the field of civil registration and to improve the functioning of national civil registration services. It has developed international conventions, multilingual document templates and legal frameworks to facilitate the cross-border recognition of civil status documents.

Second: Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to establish ties of collaboration and cooperation between **CLARCIEV** and **ICCS** in matters relating to the registration of vital events—birth, marriage and death—on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

The parties shall endeavour to encourage and facilitate closer ties and mutual cooperation, with a view to promoting, on the one hand, document interoperability and, on the other, more modern, inclusive and internationally recognised civil registration systems.

Third: Areas of Cooperation

In order to achieve the aforementioned cooperation objectives, **CLARCIEV** and **ICCS** will promote cooperation programmes that facilitate the exchange of experiences regarding technological developments, as well as education and training in matters relating to the registration of vital events.

The areas of cooperation will focus on the following:

- a) The **ICCS** will make available its expertise in international law and the standardisation of documentation relating to birth, marriage and death records.
- b) The **CLARCIEV** will contribute its expertise in all matters relating to institutional innovation, technological modernisation and practical experience in implementing processes for the modernisation of the State.

Fourth: Forms of cooperation

Cooperation under this agreement may include:

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- a) Basic education and training programmes.
- b) Exchange of experiences regarding modernisation processes
- c) Exchange of experience regarding the recognition of civil registry documents between countries.
- d) Exchange of documentation and training materials.
- e) Joint development of documents and publicity materials.
- f) Interaction through meetings, conferences, general assemblies and international gatherings.
- g) Drafting and monitoring of agreements, recommendations, resolutions and studies in matters of civil status.

2) The ICCS shall communicate to the CLARCIEV all matters included on the agenda of the meetings of its General Assembly.

The CLARCIEV may indicate to the ICCS the interest it may have in one or more of those matters and, in such a case, shall provide its cooperation through opinions or information.

3) The CLARCIEV shall inform the ICCS of all issues raised before it in matters of civil status, the law of persons and family law, as well as the determination of nationality.

It shall give the ICCS the opportunity to express its opinion on these matters. The ICCS shall examine them and communicate to the CLARCIEV the results of its work.

4) The CLARCIEV shall be invited to send representatives to the General Assemblies of the ICCS in which matters of its interest are examined.

5) The ICCS shall be invited to send representatives to the meetings of committees convened by the CLARCIEV in which matters of its interest are examined.

6) Without prejudice to any measures that may be necessary to safeguard the confidential nature of certain documents, the CLARCIEV and the ICCS shall exchange all documentation that may be of mutual interest (see also the section "Sixth: Personal Data").

Fifth: Funding

The funding of all activities planned and approved by **THE PARTIES**, relating to the exchange of delegations, visits or training courses, must be agreed in advance and communicated between **THE PARTIES**.

Sixth: Personal data

This agreement does not cover the disclosure or exchange of personal data held in **THE PARTIES'** records, in accordance with the State's obligation to protect the information it records; **THE PARTIES** must comply with their respective laws.

Seventh: Implementation

For the implementation of this agreement, **THE PARTIES** agree:

To hold meetings, exchange correspondence or emails, or use any other means that enables them to review, evaluate and agree on the respective cooperation programmes, which shall be submitted for approval to the highest authorities of **THE PARTIES**.

They must set out all the details regarding dates, funding, matters to be addressed, intellectual property rights, associated rights and all related issues to ensure the smooth implementation of the proposal in question.

Eighth: Amendments

This inter-institutional framework agreement may be amended by mutual agreement between **THE PARTIES** and shall enter into force upon the signing of the amendment by the highest authorities of **THE PARTIES**.

Ninth: Entry into force and validity

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of two (2) years, automatically renewable for a further one (1) year.

The **ICCS** or the **CLARCIEV** may terminate this agreement by giving the other party at least three (3) months' notice prior to the date of termination. The termination of this agreement shall not affect the normal progress and completion of activities currently in progress, unless otherwise agreed.

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