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**CONVENTION OF
THE SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN LAW
ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

The Parties to this Convention, being Contracting Parties to the Agreement on Cooperation to Prevent and Combat Transborder Crime, done at Bucharest, Romania on May 26, 1999 (hereinafter referred to as "Member States");

Recognizing the value and advances of the cooperation, structures and procedures established and developed under the auspices of the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI);

Acknowledging that it is incumbent on all democratic nations to establish a society founded in freedom, security and justice;

Respecting the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;

Aware that criminals have no respect for borders and are disposed to exploit the same to the detriment of equity and justice;

Having in mind that criminal entrepreneurs debase and corrupt legitimate economies, societies and the rule of law through trans-national criminal markets and the forging of international illicit trade alliances;

Considering that it is the responsibility of all governments in the interests of their citizens to engage in effective measures to counter crime and the causes of crime while fully respecting the fundamental rights of individuals including the protection of personal data;

Recognizing the important role that effective exchange of information among law enforcement agencies has in preventing and combating all forms of crime and serious crime, including terrorism;

Regarding it to be in the common interest to capitalize on the advantages and opportunities created by the SECI Regional Center for Combating Transborder Crime (SECI Center) and anticipating the advancement of those advantages and opportunities in a new international organization;

Considering international treaties in the field of trans-border crime and cooperation in law enforcement, as well as the EU *acquis* to the extent applicable;

And pursuant to this common aim and interest in generating enhanced mechanisms for effective cooperation between competent law enforcement agencies;

Acknowledging that the European Union has assigned to the European Police Office (Europol) the driving role as the EU law enforcement body supporting the fight against organized crime and other forms of serious crime and seeking to reach operational complementarities for the mutual benefit of SELEC and Europol;

Have agreed as follows: