

Foundation Agreement  
Annex II, Attachment 2, Law 2

**Constitutional Law on the  
Composition and Functions of the  
Joint Investigation Agency**

*Preamble.* Whereas Article 1.2 of the Foundation Agreement provides that the attached legislation shall apply upon entry into force of the Foundation Agreement, and

Whereas the Constitutional Law on the Composition and Functions of the Joint Investigation Agency, annexed to the Foundation Agreement, constitutes an integral part thereof, as provided in Article 14 of the Foundation Agreement:

*Short title.* Therefore, it is hereby provided as follows:

1. This Law shall be cited as the Constitutional Law on the Joint Investigation Agency (Composition and Functions).

*Interpretation.* 2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires – “Agency” means the Joint Investigation Agency established by section 3.

“Attorney General” means the Attorney-General of the United Cyprus Republic.

“Deputy Attorney General” means the Deputy Attorney General of the United Cyprus Republic.

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the United Cyprus Republic.

*Establishment of a Joint Investigation Agency.* 3. A Joint Investigation Agency is hereby established under the authority of the Attorney General and having the competence specified in section 5 .

*Composition and Appointment of the Members of the Agency.* 4. (1) The Agency shall comprise of federal and constituent state police officers and other police personnel, hailing in equal numbers from each constituent state.

(2) The members of the Agency shall be appointed by the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General and shall directly report to him.

(3) There shall be a Director and a Deputy Director of the Agency, not hailing from the same constituent state, appointed by the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General.

(4) The Agency shall establish units in carrying out

functions within its areas of competence. Such units shall be composed of an equal number of members hailing from each constituent state.

*Competence of the Agency.*

- 5.** The Agency shall have competence -
- 1) to combat terrorism, drug trafficking, money laundering and organized crime, as well as offences relating to national security, spying (espionage) treason, counterfeiting, piracy, barratry, kidnapping, corruption and high-level technology offences which are computer-related, affecting the United Cyprus Republic.
  - 2) upon request of any federal or constituent state authority, to investigate the illegal use of weapons, contrary to Article 6(3) of the Constitution, and acts of violence or the incitement to violence against the United Cyprus Republic, its federal government, its constituent states or the guarantor powers, by persons, groups or organizations operating within their boundaries, contrary to Article 6 (4) of the Constitution.
  - 3) to investigate alleged violation of police duties by federal or constituent state police.
  - 4) to co-operate with the federal police and the police of each constituent state pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement on police matters between the federal government and the constituent states.

*Functions of the Agency.*

- 6.** The Agency shall have jurisdiction, in relation to its competence, all over Cyprus and shall, in particular,-
- 1) be responsible for the gathering, evaluation and analysis of information relevant to the offences referred to in section 5;
  - 2) conduct investigations, whenever there are reasonable grounds to believe that such offences have been committed;

- 3) co-operate with the federal police and the police of each constituent state for the purpose of the investigations referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above;
- 4) co-operate with the Financial Intelligence Unit (F.I.U.) established under the Federal Law on Prevention and Suppression of Money Laundering, for the application of that Law.