Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between
The Australian Federal Police and
The Central Narcotics Bureau of Singapore on
Combating Transnational Drug Crime and Developing Cooperation
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The Australian Federal Police (AFP)

And

The Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) of the Republic of Singapore

(henceforth referred to as the "Participants").

Background and Objectives

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1.1 The Participants recognise that international cooperation is essential to prevent the increased threat of internationally trafficked drugs by organised crime.


1.3 The Participants, subject to the laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedure from time to time in force in their respective countries, have mutually determined to strengthen and consolidate cooperation through the areas mentioned in Section 3 below.

2. Purpose and Scope

2.1 The purpose of this MOU is to build on the existing cooperative arrangements between the Participants so as to collaborate on law enforcement, including through consultations, information sharing and cooperation to strengthen capacity and professional development, to realise their shared goals of strengthening law enforcement in the prevention of international drug trafficking.

2.2 Nothing in this MOU is intended to create any legally binding relationship between the Participants, nor is it intended to have any legal or binding effect on either Participant.
2.3 The terms of this MOU operate subject to, and do not supersede, the
domestic laws, policies and procedures of the Participants or existing
bilateral or multilateral agreements between Australia and the Republic of
Singapore.

2.4 Any assistance and/or cooperation rendered under this MOU is confined
to matters that are solely within the purview and control of the respective
Participants and only as specified under section 3.

3. **Areas of Cooperation**

3.1 The Participants endeavour to encourage cooperation in the following
areas:

a. Information sharing on trends and techniques used in the trafficking
   of illicit drugs, diversion of precursor chemicals and emerging drugs;

b. Exchange of best practices by the Participants in combating
   transnational drug crime including information on new operational and
   technological capabilities and techniques to support drug law
   enforcement;

c. Cooperate to strengthen capacity and professional development,
   including, but not limited to, training, learning and development
   programmes, exchange of personnel, and attendances at seminars
   and conferences;

d. Exchange of information on transnational drug cases;

e. Mutually agreed coordinated activities for the purpose of disrupting
   transnational drug crime; and

f. Any other activities that may be mutually decided by the Participants
   in accordance with this MOU.

4. **Roles of the Participants**

4.1 The AFP provides police services as described in s.8 of the *Australian*
    Federal Police Act 1979 (Cth). The role of the AFP is to enforce the
    criminal laws of the Commonwealth of Australia including those
    prohibiting the importation, possession, trafficking and manufacture of
    illicit drugs.

4.2 CNB is Singapore’s primary drug enforcement agency entrusted with the
    responsibilities of coordinating all matters pertaining to drug eradication.
    The mission of CNB is to enforce, educate and engage for a drug-free
Singapore, CNB does this through collaborating with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Singapore (including the Home Team), local and international partners, and the community.

5. **Mechanisms of Cooperation**

5.1 The implementation of this MOU will be subject to arrangements mutually decided by the respective Participants.

5.2 The exchange of information and experiences and other forms of cooperation described in this MOU are to be conducted directly by the Participants under the modalities to be established by both Participants, and subject to the domestic laws, policies and procedures of the Participants.

5.3 To facilitate the implementation of this MOU, each Participant will designate a respective liaison officer to coordinate communication and information exchanges, and other activities under this MOU. Any changes in the liaison officer of one Participant will be notified to the others immediately.

5.4 The nominated liaison officers of the Participants will organise periodic consultations to discuss law enforcement cooperation under this MOU including exchange of information on transnational drug cases. The Participants may invite to these meetings other relevant domestic law enforcement agencies as necessary and mutually agreed by the Participants.

5.5 Information, including intelligence, relevant to the objectives of this MOU will be exchanged in accordance with the confidentiality clause set out in section 6.

5.6 The Participants will develop procedures for conducting coordinated activities through existing networks and liaison arrangements, as may be mutually decided by the Participants.

5.7 The financial arrangements to cover expenses of the cooperative activities undertaken within the framework of this MOU will be mutually decided upon by the respective Participants.

6. **Confidentiality of Information exchange**

6.1 All information including documents ("Information") exchanged between the Participants under this MOU will be subject to strict controls and safeguards to ensure that the Information is only used in an authorized manner and that its confidentiality is protected.

6.2 Information exchanged between the Participants will be used only for intelligence purposes and will not be used in any court proceedings.
6.3 Each Participant will comply with any condition, restriction or caveat imposed by the other Participant in respect of the handling and disclosure of Information, subject to laws, regulations, policies and procedures, from time to time in force in their respective countries.

6.4 An employee of either Participant authorized to have access to Information under this MOU may not record, divulge or communicate such Information except in the performance of the employee’s official duties and for the purposes for which the Information was provided.

6.5 No Information obtained under this MOU will be disclosed or distributed to a third party without the written consent of the Participant from whom the Information originated. Such consent can be subject to such conditions as the Participant from whom the Information originated may impose.

6.6 The terms in this MOU with respect to the protection of confidentiality of Information exchanged will continue to apply after the termination of this MOU.

7. Media announcements

7.1 Both individual and joint media releases related to this MOU and any activities thereunder will be coordinated by both Participants to ensure that the interests of both Participants are protected.

7.2 Media releases should be intended to promote the capabilities of the Participants and to frustrate the activities of transnational criminals, including transnational drug trafficking syndicates.

8. Dispute resolution

8.1 Any difficulties arising in connection with this MOU will be resolved by the Participants through consultation and negotiation.

9. Commencement, Duration and Termination

9.1 This MOU will come into effect on the date of signing and will remain in effect for three (3) years. The MOU may be extended on the same terms for an additional three years from the date of original expiry, if mutually decided in writing by the Participants prior to the expiry of the MOU.

9.2 This MOU can be amended by mutual written consent of the Participants. The amendments will come into effect on a date to be mutually decided by the Participants.

9.3 Either Participant may terminate this MOU by giving the other Participant three (3) months notice in writing.
IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this MOU.

Signed at Canberra on this 13th day of October in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen in duplicate in the English language.

FOR the Australian Federal Police

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