

AGREEMENT

between

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION,

THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

and

THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY

regarding

**the modification and prolongation of the
Agreement signed in Vienna on 1 June 1993
regarding the establishment and functioning of the
International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)**

The Swiss Confederation represented through the Federal Office for Refugee Affairs and the Republic of Austria represented through the Federal Ministry of Interior, as founding Parties of the Agreement on the Establishment and Functioning of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), signed in Vienna on 1 June 1993; and the Republic of Hungary, which acceded to the Agreement on 8 September 1995 (hereafter the Contracting Parties);

Being concerned of the increase of irregular migratory movements and the related need for longterm strategies and efficient international co-operation to better co-ordinate migration policies at the national, regional and global level;

Being convinced that the political changes in Europe call for reinforced co-operation on entry control, immigration, asylum and refugee policies between all States in Central, Eastern and Western Europe and between them and other States;

Recognizing that ICMPD during its first three years of operation has managed to develop into a renowned and efficient mechanism to facilitate inter-governmental co-operation in areas not covered by other multilateral bodies, that the Centre at the request of Governments has organized a considerable number of inter-governmental meetings, that it serves the Chairmanship of the Budapest Group on uncontrolled migration as its Secretariat, that it has published a number of studies and reports on topical migration policy issues and that it has established a wide network with Governments and international organizations concerned;

Appreciating that ICMPD has secured sufficient funding in support of its activities from a variety of Governments and international organizations;

Being aware that the initial agreement on the establishment and functioning of ICMPD expires on 30 April 1996;

Being convinced that ICMPD should continue its activities and that it therefore is desirable to extend the duration of the Agreement of 1 June 1993;

Considering that at a later stage ICMPD might be transformed into an institution under international law with a juridical personality and status of its own and noting the willingness of the Government of Austria to enter into the negotiation of a Headquarters Agreement once ICMPD has acquired international status;

Agree in the following:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties, in accordance with Article 11 of the Agreement of 1 June 1993, extend the duration of that Agreement as of 1 May 1996 for a period of eight years.

Article 2

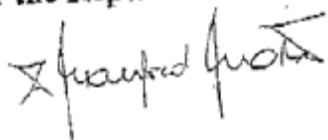
The Contracting Parties revoke Article 7 paragraph 5 of the Agreement of 1 June 1993 since it has become obsolete.

Article 3

The present Agreement enters into force on 1 May 1996.

Done in Budapest on 27 March 1996, in three original copies in the English language.

For the Republic of Austria



For the Swiss Confederation



For the Republic of Hungary

