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The 4th CrimEx Session held in Tallinn Estonia on 21-23 November 2017, under the auspices of the EU Estonian Presidency carried on a dynamic exchanges of views with the representatives of Eurojust, EJM Secretariat, UNODC and the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) regarding the participation in networks for legal cooperation in criminal matters and the coordination among such networks.

The contributions submitted during the session by the EJM Contact Points from Estonia, Bulgaria, Germany and Romania have been valued and the best experiences acknowledged by the CrimEx.

The CrimEx recognises the potential benefits and the relevant contribution in combating transnational crime made by regional cooperation networks and in particular by EJM, demonstrated during the Tallinn 49th EJM Plenary Meeting.

Taking note of the provisions of the UNSC Resolution 2322 (2016) which underlines the importance of strengthening international cooperation, including by investigators, prosecutors and judges, in order to prevent, investigate and prosecute terrorist acts, and sets forth new requirements for promoting cooperation at the global, regional, sub regional and cross-regional levels. ⁱ

Taking note also of the Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: *Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World* adopted by The Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in San Salvador, Brazil, on the 12th to the 19th of April 2010, with the objective of supporting development of judicial Networks of international cooperation in criminal matters,

Taking into consideration the Resolution on *Strengthening of regional networks for international cooperation in criminal matters* adopted by Nineteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in Vienna, on the 17th – 21st of May 2010 which *urges* Member States participating in networks for legal cooperation to strengthen international cooperation in criminal matters and the coordination among such networks

Recognising the important role of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime as the common legal framework for the EUROMED AREA.

Noting the relevance of the multilateral efforts through treaties aimed at mutual legal assistance in criminal matters with respect to particular offences and of the regional initiatives, such as the Schengen Implementation Agreement, the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters and the Arab League Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters.

The 4th CrimEx recalls that the following features and tasks were assigned to them according to the founding documents adopted at the 1st CrimEx Meeting in Madrid:

- CrimEx is placed at the core of EuroMed judicial and law enforcement mechanism of cooperation and coordination.
- CrimEx Members have been designated according to the criteria defined in consultation with Eurojust and the EJM in criminal matters
- CrimEx functions as a think-tank and EuroMed Justice forum to build the trust and mutual confidence, to exchange good practices and lessons learned, to carry out thorough analyses of the situation in each SPC and in the whole region, to set up specific recommendations, guidelines, manuals, studies and researches.
- Eurojust, EJM, UNODC, CTED and IAP are supporting the activities of the EuroMed Justice Expert Group in Criminal Matters – CrimEx, advising on the creation of a EuroMed Platform/Network of cooperation in criminal matters.
- CrimEx collaboration with Eurojust, EJM, UNODC, CTED enhance the cross regional cooperation and improve the interconnection between networks and organisations

IN THIS RESPECT THE 4TH CRIMEX CONCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. A historical moment has been marked by the participation of the CrimEx members to the first part of the 49th EJM Plenary Meeting
2. CrimEx considers itself as the nucleus and the optimal framework for the EuroMed Judicial Platform of Cooperation in criminal matters.
3. Without prejudice to its current tasks and activities CrimEx, in close cooperation with Eurojust, EJM, UNODC, and IAP, should continue the exploration of the avenues for its evolution towards a permanent, efficient and sustainable EuroMed Justice mechanism of cooperation in criminal matters.

ⁱ Res 2322 (2016) Paragraph 13