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Assistance Agreement

through Project Preparation Facility for elaboration of the Final Proposal of the Project "Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism" within Thematic Focus Area 6 – "Improvement of the regulation of the financial sector and strengthening of financial markets and institutions",

Swiss – Romanian Cooperation Programme to reduce economic and social disparities within enlarged European Union

On 19th of November 2012 was finalized the Assistance agreement through Project Preparation Facility within thematic focus area 6 – "Improvement of the regulation of the financial sector and strengthening of financial markets and institutions" between the Ministry of Public Finance, as National Coordination Unit and Payment Authority and the National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering as Beneficiary.

The approved budget within this Assistance agreement was of 68.600,79 lei, equivalent of 18.450 CHF, of which the Swiss financial contribution was of maximum 58.310,67 lei, equivalent of 15.682,5 CHF. The National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering had the obligation to ensure the co-financing of minimum 15% from the value of the project.

In order to implement this agreement, on 28th September 2012 was signed the consultancy contract between Aplicaciones en Informatica Avanzada S.L (Gruppo A.I.A) from Spain and the National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering, with the object of providing of consultancy services for performing the evaluation of financial analysis activity and software instruments used within NOPCML for this activity and elaboration of a report with the results of evaluation and the proposal of a complete software solution for optimization of the activity.

The value of the contract was 14.000 CHF without VAT, concluded for a period of 40 days, starting the date of signing.

The results of the consultancy services provided by the consultant consisted in two documents: *Financial Analysis Process Review* and *Recommendations, Description of Ideal Software Solution and Market Solutions Review.*

The above mentioned documents elaborated by the Spanish consultants, were used by the National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering in the process of elaboration of the Final Project Proposal within the Swiss – Romanian Cooperation Programme.

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