

PROTOCOL OF INTENT

The Federal Supreme Court of Brazil, the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, the Supreme Court of the Republic of India and the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China, represented in this act by its respective Presidents, Chief Justice Minister Gilmar Mendes, Chief Justice Viatcheslav Mickhailovich Lebedev, Chief Justice Konakuppakatil Gopinathan Balakrishnan and Chief Grand Justice Wang Shengjun,

CONSIDERING the bonds of culture and friendship that have deepened relations between the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Russian Federation, the Republic of India and the People's Republic of China;

CONSIDERING the reciprocal desire to consolidate and intensify actions, programs and other mechanisms and instruments targeted to cooperation among the Supreme Courts, in such a way as to further the Democratic State of the Rule of Law, respect for Human Rights and Judicial Independence;

CONSIDERING the importance of an effective exchange of experiences aimed at modernizing and improving the legal systems of these four countries;

CONSIDERING the objective expressed by the parties to narrow relations among the respective juridical and legal systems of the member countries in the framework of the Forum BRIC - Brazil, Russia, India and China;

CONSIDERING the objective of implementing programs of collaboration and undertaking interchanges that, while reciprocally deepening knowledge and techniques, strengthen and consolidate the importance of independent judicial systems in Democratic States governed by the rule of law;

Have hereby resolved to formalize this Protocol of Intent, which will be governed by the following clauses:

Clause One. Objective: The objective of this Protocol is, through reciprocal cooperation, to define general lines of action with the purpose of establishing an interchange of information and procedures specific to the judiciaries of Brazil, Russia, India and China, as well as to disseminate such activities in the framework of the jurisdictions of each system.

Clause Two. Obligations: The parties commit themselves to collaborating fully and directly through exchanges of experiences and documents, including bibliographic material, studies, statistical evaluations and others that may be of interest, and to stimulating reciprocal knowledge of the juridical systems in the respective countries.

To achieve this, they will proceed in such a ways as follows:

I - joint sponsoring of conferences, seminars and other technical and academic encounters dealing with judicial practice and juridical literature on themes related to human rights, furthering of access to Justice, alternative resolution of controversies, protection of minors and related questions; and

II- closer relations among representatives, including exchanges of visits by judges.

Clause Three. Implementation:

I - The parties will foster joint implementation of cooperation of mutual interest;

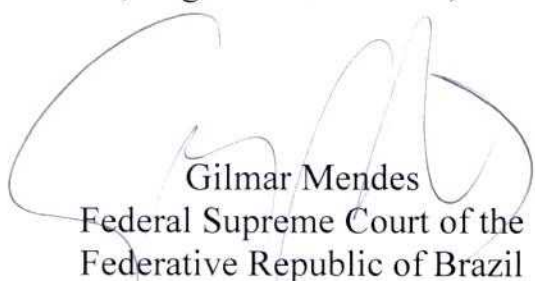
II - This Protocol will generate no new international legal obligations, since, aimed at making reciprocal knowledge feasible, it is founded upon a common willingness and effort to seek agile and effective solutions to similar problems that may hamper or reduce the effectiveness of the operation of Justice in the countries involved;

III - This Protocol may be amended at any time whatsoever through addition of amendments;

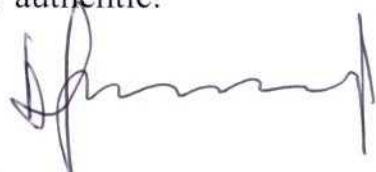
IV - Controversies arising out of the terms of this Protocol will be clarified by common agreement among the parties.

Clause Four. Effectiveness: This Protocol will go into effect immediately after being signed and will remain in effect for the period considered appropriate by the signatories.

Done at _____, on _____ 2009, in three original copies in Portuguese, Russian, English and Chinese, each being equally authentic.



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