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Re: Cooperation between Italian Banking Association and SPI Albania.

To: Mr. Giuseppe Zadra  
General Manager  
Italian Banking Association  
Palazzo Altieri, Piazza del Gesù 49  
00186 Rome, ITALY

Dear Mr. Zadra,

I am writing on behalf of the SPI Committee which governs the recently-established SPI Albania public-private partnership for financial sector modernization.

The SPI Committee wishes to secure the support of the Italian Banking Association, whose large experience in contributing to regulatory reforms will enhance the success prospects of SPI projects and contribute to the SPI Albania sustainability.

We understand you have expressed interest in examining how ABI could play such a role to the Head of the World Bank's Convergence Program and SPI Committee Member.

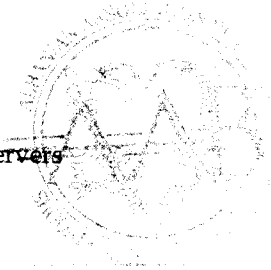
We are therefore pleased to forward you, for your kind consideration, a first draft Memorandum of Understanding describing the terms and conditions of our proposed cooperation.

I hope we will have the opportunity to further discuss on this framework document on the occasion of the European Banking Federation Annual Meeting, in Brussels, on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Edvin Libohova  
Chairman of the Albanian Association of Banks  
and SPI Committee Member

cc: SPI Committee Members and Permanent Observers



## Memorandum of Understanding

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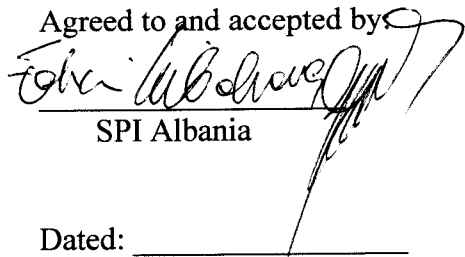
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Taking into consideration the above mentioned, parties have agreed as below:

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2. The ABI representative in the SPI Committee will support the Head of the SPI Albania Secretariat (the SPI Secretariat), at the latter's request for advice.
3. The collaboration under point 1 will have an initial duration of 12 months, starting from 01 April 2009, and may be renewed by mutual consent thereafter.
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5. ABI's provision of technical advice will not be invoiced for the period under consideration. Although ABI will apply its best efforts to support the SPI Secretariat, it reserves the right to define the support it is prepared to extend on a case-by-case basis.

Agreed to and accepted by

  
SPI Albania

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Italian Banking Association

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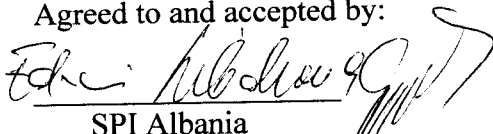
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