

# **AGREEMENT**

**Between**

**the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania**

**and**

**the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine**

**Concerning**

**Co-operation in the Field of Defence**

The Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine and, hereinafter referred to as “the Participant” or “the Participants,”

taking into account the principles of the Agreement on Partnership and Co-operation between Ukraine and the Republic of Lithuania signed in Vilnius on 8 February 1994;

regarding international defence co-operation as an important element of security and stability in the Euro-Atlantic area;

acknowledging the important role of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (hereinafter referred to as “the NATO”) in ensuring international peace and security,

being convinced that Special Partnership between Ukraine and NATO will contribute to the European and international security,

aiming to support the activities of the NATO-Ukraine Commission;

having regard to the provisions of the Agreement among the States Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and the other States participating in the Partnership for Peace regarding the Status of Their Forces (hereinafter to as “the PfP NATO SOFA”), and its Additional Protocol concluded in Brussels on 19 June 1995;

recalling the provisions of the Agreement between the States Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the status of their forces, done in London on 19 June 1951 (hereinafter to as “the NATO SOFA”);

seeking to develop military co-operation between Armed Forces of Ukraine and the Republic of Lithuania,

have agreed as follows:

## **Article 1**

### **Purpose**

1. The Participants shall act to encourage co-operation in the field of defence on the principle of reciprocity. This co-operation includes collaboration between the Participants and Armed Forces within their competence.

2. Implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall not conflict with effective legislation and international commitments of the Participants' states. Should there be a conflict, effective legislation in the states of the Participants or international commitments shall prevail. The Participants will notify each other in the event of any conflict arising.

## **Article 2**

### **Areas of Co-operation**

1. The co-operation between the Participants shall be carried out in accordance with the effective legislation of the Participants' states in the following areas:

- a) democratic control of armed forces;
- b) formation of legal framework for armed forces;
- c) defence policy and strategy;
- d) defence planning and budgeting;
- e) education and training;
- f) command, control and communications;
- g) international peace support and humanitarian operations;
- h) issues related to the formation and functioning of multinational units;
- i) civil emergency planning;
- j) environmental issues and contamination control;
- k) logistics;
- l) other areas of mutual interest within the Participants' competence.

2. Within the framework of this Agreement, the Participants may conclude separate arrangements for the settlement of specific issues related to cooperation

in the aforementioned areas. As far as it concerns military exercises the Ukrainian Participant may conclude separate arrangements with the Lithuanian Armed Forces.

### **Article 3**

#### **Forms of Co-operation**

1. The co-operation between the Participants shall be carried out in accordance with the effective legislation of the Participants' states in the following forms:

- a) high level visits and working meetings;
- b) expert meetings and exchange of expertise in the agreed areas of co-operation;
- c) discussions, consultations, meetings, participation in seminars and conferences;
- d) joint participation in multinational projects and international operations;
- e) training of military experts at courses in military education establishments and through internships;
- f) civilian personnel training;
- g) military exercises;
- h) exchange of information and other materials;
- i) cultural and sports events;
- j) other forms of co-operation upon mutual agreement.

2. Within the framework of this Agreement, the Participants may conclude separate arrangements for the settlement of specific issues falling under their competence and related to the cooperation in the aforementioned forms. As far as it concerns military exercises the Ukrainian Participant may conclude separate arrangements with the Lithuanian Armed Forces.

## **Article 4**

### **Implementation of the Agreement**

1. In order to coordinate actions in the course of implementation of this Agreement the Participants authorise the following departments (hereinafter referred to as “the Authorised Department” or “the Authorised Departments”):

- a) at the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine – Department of International Defence Cooperation;
- b) at the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania – International Relations and Operations Department.

2. The Participants shall inform each other in writing in case of change of the Authorised Department. The change of the Authorised Department shall not cause any amendments to this Agreement.

3. For the implementation of this Agreement the Authorised Departments may annually develop and sign the Bilateral Cooperation Plan for the upcoming calendar year.

## **Article 5**

### **Financial provisions**

Unless otherwise agreed between the Authorised Departments, the financial expenses related to the activities envisaged by the Bilateral Cooperation Plan and other activities falling under this Agreement shall be covered by the Participants

on reciprocal basis as follows:

a) the Sending Participant shall cover the travel costs to and from the territory of the Hosting Participant’s state, as well as its personnel insurance costs including health insurance;

b) the Hosting Participant shall provide at its own cost meals, accommodation and transportation, as well as emergency medical care in the territory of its state.

## **Article 6**

### **Protection of Classified Information**

The provisions of the Agreement between the Government of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Republic of Lithuania on Mutual Protection of Classified Information, signed in Kiev on the 5th of June, 2003, shall apply to the protection of classified information exchanged or generated in the course of implementation of this Agreement.

## **Article 7**

### **Status of members of delegations**

The legal status of the civilian and military members of delegations of one Participant in the territory of the state of the other Participant shall be governed by the provisions of PfP SOFA and NATO SOFA.

## **Article 8**

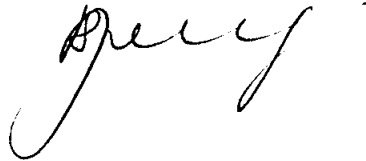
### **Final provisions**

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.
2. As of the date of entry into force of this Agreement the Agreement between the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine and the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania concerning Military Co-operation of 4 September 2000 shall become void.
3. This Agreement is concluded for a period of five years and shall be automatically extended for periods of one year, unless any of the Participants notifies in writing the other Participant of its intention to denounce it. Such notification shall be sent at least six months before the period of validity expires.
4. This Agreement may be amended by written consent of both Participants. Such amendments shall constitute the integral part of this Agreement and enter into force in accordance with the paragraph 1 of this Article.

5. Any disputes regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved through bilateral consultations between the Participants.

Done in Kyiv on 13 of April 2011 in two copies in the Lithuanian, Ukrainian and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of differences in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Ministry of National Defence  
of the Republic of Lithuania**



**For the Ministry of Defence  
of Ukraine**

