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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AMONG

THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,

LATVIAN NATIONAL ARMED FORCES

AND

THE ESTONIAN DEFENCE FORCES

CONCERNING

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMON AWARD
FOR NATO BALTIC AIR POLICING MISSION
OVER THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,
THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA AND
THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

The Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania, the Latvian National Armed Forces and the Estonian Defence Forces (hereinafter - the Participants);

CONSIDERING the Agreement between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania on Co-operation in the Fields of Defence and Military Relations, signed on 30 May 2008 in Jaunmokas;

CONSIDERING the need to regulate the terms of the common Award for NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission over the territory of the Republic Lithuania, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Estonia;

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

SECTION ONE
PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1.1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter - MOU) is to establish the common Award for NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission over the territory of the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Estonia, (hereinafter - the Award) to define the procedure according to which the Award is presented, and to set out the responsibilities of the Participants related the Award, including but not limited to the financial and cost sharing responsibilities.

1.2. In order to facilitate fulfilment of this MOU and for the execution of specific tasks or events, the Participants' Authorised Institutions, determined in para 3.1 may conclude separate implementing arrangements.

SECTION TWO
THE AWARD

2.1. The Award is the medal granted to the military and civil personnel of NATO member states (other than the states of the Participants), for the successful participation in NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission over the territory of the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Estonia (hereinafter – NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission).

2.2. The Award is granted by mutual decision of the Chief of Defence of the Republic of Lithuania, the Commander of Estonian Defence Forces and the Commander of National Armed Forces of the Republic of Latvia or their authorised persons.

2.3. The description, illustration and drawing of the Award are set in Annexes A, B and C which are integral part of this MOU.

2.4. The Award is granted together with its certificate. The certificate of the Award is signed by the Chief of Defence of the Participant on which territory of NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission military and civil personnel is deployed (hereinafter - Host Nation) or by authorised person.

SECTION THREE
AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS

3.1. The Participants determine the following Authorised Institutions to be responsible for the implementation of this MOU:

a) for the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania – the Lithuanian Army Air Force;

b) for the Latvian National Armed Forces – the Latvian Air Force Base;

c) for Estonian Defence Forces - the Estonian Air Force.

3.2. The Participants will inform each other in writing about the change of the Authorised Institutions. The change of the Authorised Institutions will not constitute a formal amendment of this MOU.

SECTION FOUR
PROCEDURAL ASPECTS

4.1. Military and civil personnel of NATO member states (other than the states of the Participants) who participated in the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission in accordance with NATO approved rotation plan are eligible for the Award.

4.2. The Award is granted for the first and for every successive rotation in the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission.

4.3. The Authorised Institution of the Host Nation will present a list of candidates for the Award to the respective Authorised Institutions of the remaining Participants of this MOU for their approval. The recipients will approve the list or submit their comments not later than in five working days after the receipt of the list.

4.4. The example of the certificate of the Award is given in the Annex D and could be considered as the subject for change by Host Nation. This change does not constitute the change of the MOU. The Authorised Institution of the Host Nation is responsible for timely preparation of the Award certificates.

4.5. The practical aspects of the Award ceremony will be coordinated and agreed among the Authorised Institutions of the Participants.

SECTION FIVE
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPANTS

5.1. Participants will be ready to grant the Award within 3 months after this MOU comes into effect.

5.2. Participants' respective Authorised Institutions will inform each other about any changes in legislation or regulations and other circumstances that may impact the implementation of this MOU.

5.3. The Host Nation is responsible for the production of the Award and its certificates. The arrangement for the production will be done in conformity with the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the Host Nation.

SECTION SIX
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

6.1. The Award production costs (except for the costs of the certificates) will be shared among the Participants on an equal basis (1/3 each). The certificate production costs will be covered by the Host Nation.

6.2. On request, the Authorised Institution of Host Nation shall provide to the respective Authorised Institutions of the remaining Participants with all necessary information and documents on the Award production costs.

6.3. The Authorised Institution of the Host Nation will send invoices with costs reasoning documentation to the respective Authorised Institutions of the remaining Participants not later than in 30 days after the conclusion of necessary arrangement of the Award production.

6.4. The remaining Participants will make their payments for the Host Nation not later than 60 days after the receipt of the invoice. All payments will be done in euros (EUR).

SECTION SEVEN
AMENDMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

7.1. This MOU may be amended by mutual written consensus among the Participants. Amendments to this MOU will enter into effect on the date of their last signature.

7.2. Disputes arising under or relating to this MOU will be resolved through consultations between the Participants at the lowest possible level.

SECTION EIGHT

ENTRY INTO EFFECT, DURATION AND TERMINATION

8.1. This MOU will come into effect on the date of its last signature.

8.2. This MOU will remain in effect while the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission is conducted.

8.3. This MOU may be terminated by written consensus of the Participants or unilaterally by giving 30 (thirty) days written prior notice to other Participants. The provisions of Section Six and Section Seven of this MOU will remain in force till all claims arising out of those provisions will be resolved.

Signed in 3 (three) originals in the English language, one for each of the Participants.

For the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania	**For the Latvian National Armed Forces**	**For the Estonian Defence Forces**
Signature	Signature NBS komandieris generālmajors Raimonds Graube	Signature
Signed on 09-01-2012 2011	Signed on 21-12-2011 2011	Signed on Riho TERRAS 2011 13. 12. 2011

Annex A

AWARD DESCRIPTION

1. Obverse: the Award is triangular-shaped 39 mm in width and 35 mm in height, two layers.

First layer: steel coloured, 2,5 mm height stylized metal falcon, enfolding the shield with its wings.

Second layer: gold coloured, 0,5 mm height metal shield with embossed silhouettes of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian maps. The silhouettes of maps are glossy; the setting of shield is opaque. Steel falcon, with its wings enfolding the shield including silhouettes of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian maps, symbolizes NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission.

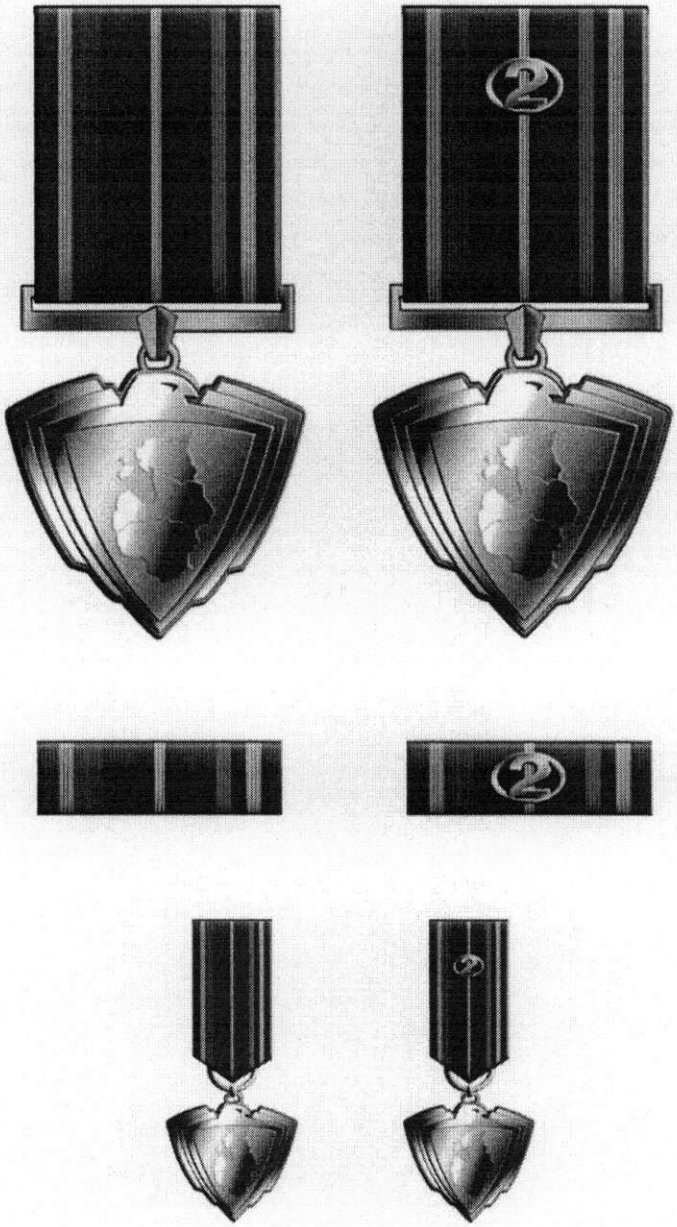
2. Reverse is flat.

3. Ribbon: 32 mm width, rectangular-shaped moiré in navy-blue colour. The ribbon is vertically striped in 6 mm width bars with colours of Lithuania, Latvian and Estonian flags with 4 mm gaps between the bars and 3 mm distance from the ribbon edges. The ribbon is attached with hoop, which is attached to the metal plate of lower part of ribbon with decorative shield transfixed through the loop of medal.

4. Attachment: two pinpoints with fixers are attached in horizontal position to the upper part of ribbon.

5. For every recurring participation in the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission the award is denoted with 8 mm height and 11 mm width Arabic numeral in hollow oxford colour oval attached within 7 mm distance from the upper edge of Award ribbon and in the middle of ribbon bar. Number 2 indicates the second, 3 – the third award, etc. Number indicating recurring participation is oxford grey colour.

AWARD ILLUSTRATION



AWARD DRAWING

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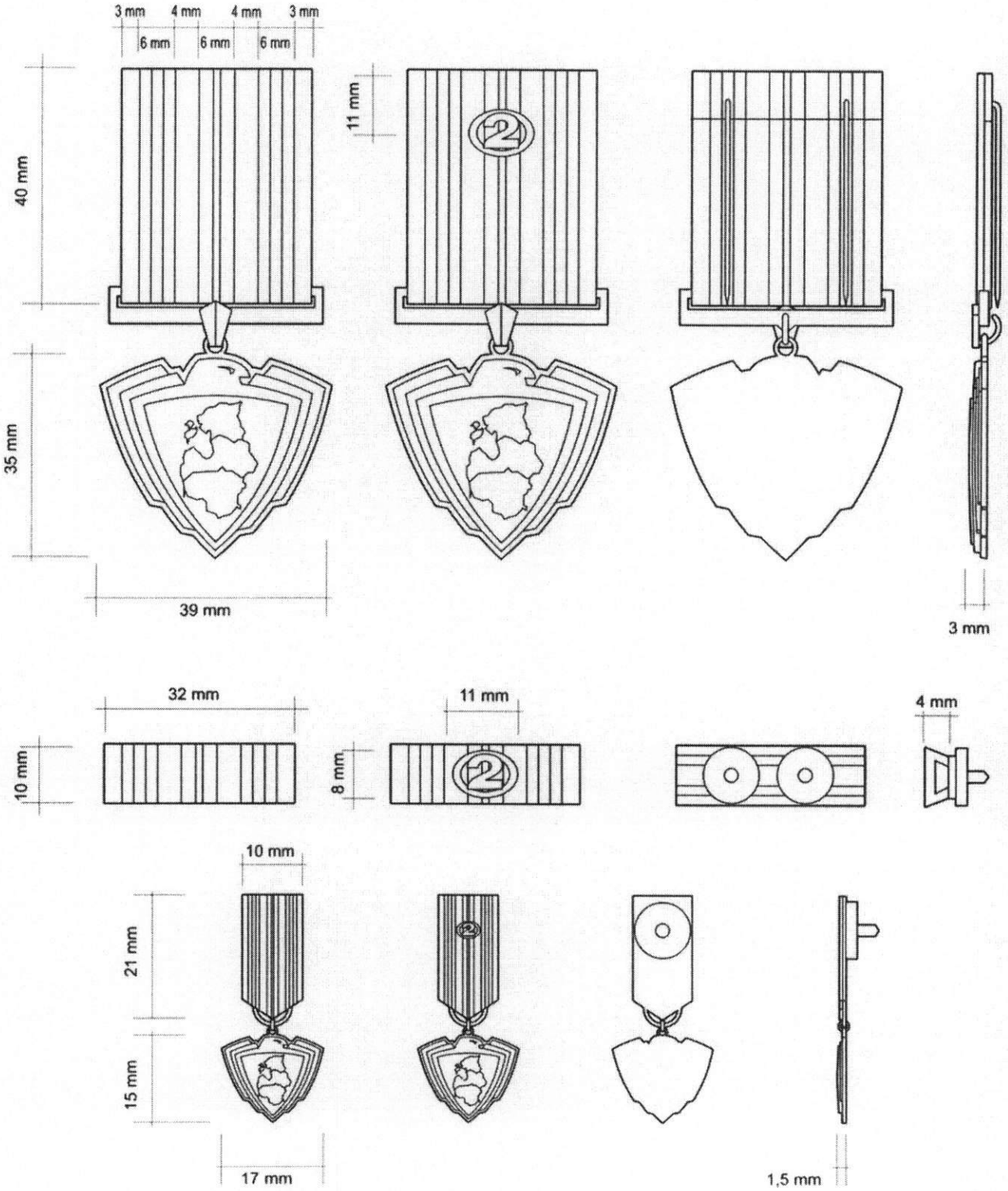
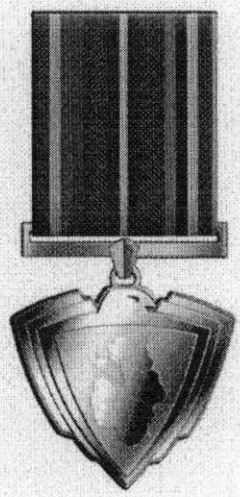


THE EXAMPLE OF THE AWARD CERTIFICATE

CERTIFICATE No. ____

NATO BALTIC AIR POLICING MISSION MEDAL



AWARDED TO

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FOR THE SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION IN
NATO BALTIC AIR POLICING MISSION

BY MUTUAL DECISION OF THE COMMANDER OF ESTONIAN DEFENCE FORCES, THE COMMANDER OF NATIONAL ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA AND THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

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