

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN**  
**CONCERNING**  
**CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DEFENCE**

The Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden, hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”,

*Considering* that the promotion of mutual understanding between the Participants will benefit the interests of both countries,

*Wishing* to set forth the legal and practical framework for the implementation of bilateral co-operation in the field of defence,

*Seeking* to contribute to peacekeeping, security and stability in Europe and, particularly, in the Baltic Sea region,

*Understanding* that cooperation as provided in this Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as the MoU, may lead to co-operation in other areas of mutual interest in the future,

Have reached the following understanding:

**Section 1**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this MoU is to promote friendly military ties between the Participants by defining the scope of co-operation in the field of defence and implementing such co-operation in accordance with their competence and the principles of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

2. The provisions of this MoU are not intended to be in conflict with the respective national laws and regulations of the two countries and with their international obligations. Should there be a conflict, national laws and regulations or international obligations will prevail. The Participants will notify each other in the event of any conflict arising.

## **Section 2**

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

1. Co-operation between the Participants may take place in the following areas:

- a. exchange of defence related experience and information;
- b. research and development;
- c. legal issues;
- d. logistics, maintenance and procurement issues;
- e. military technical co-operation;
- f. education and training of personnel;
- g. crisis management;
- h. military medicine and health services;
- i. environmental protection;
- j. communication and information systems;
- k. other areas of cooperation, as agreed.

2. When the Participants have identified a specific area of cooperation, a supplementary arrangement to this MoU may be prepared in order to develop that potential area of cooperation.

## **Section 3**

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

Co-operation between the Participants may be carried out in the following forms:

- a. official visits and meetings of the Participants and their representatives;
- b. exchange of experience on expert level;

- c. political-military consultations, conferences and seminars;
- d. training and education of military and civilian staff;
- e. participation in military exercises, peacekeeping operations and humanitarian relief operations;
- f. exchange of information and documentation;
- g. other forms, as agreed.

#### **Section 4**

#### **Authorised Agencies and Management**

1. The implementation of this MoU will be carried out by the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Defence for the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden.

2. To promote cooperation within the scope and areas relevant to this MoU, the Participants may hold bilateral meetings and may establish ad hoc expert groups when and if needed.

#### **Section 5**

#### **Security arrangements**

All classified information and materiel exchanged or generated in connection with this MoU will be used, transmitted, stored, handled, and safeguarded in accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden concerning the protection of classified information, signed on March 21st, 2002.

#### **Section 6**

#### **Language**

The working language will be English or as otherwise agreed.

**Section 7**  
**Intellectual property rights**

The national laws and regulations, as well as international agreements in force between the two countries, will apply in regard of intellectually property rights.

**Section 8**  
**Status**

While staying in the territory of the Receiving Participant, the status of the representatives of the Sending Participant's armed forces will be governed by 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, signed in Brussels, on June 19th 1995 (PfP-SOFA).

**Section 9**  
**Costs**

This MoU does not impose any financial responsibilities on either Participant with regard to the other, i.e. each Participant will be responsible for its own costs related to the execution of this MoU, unless agreed otherwise.

**Section 10**  
**Final Provisions**

1. This MoU becomes effective on the date of its signature by both Participants.
  
2. This MoU is concluded for a period of five years and shall be automatically extended for periods of five years, unless one of the Participants not later then three months prior to expiration of this MoU notifies in writing the other Participant on its intention to terminate it.

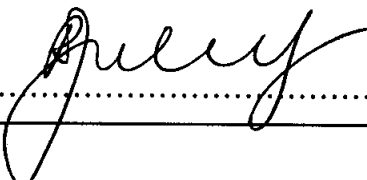
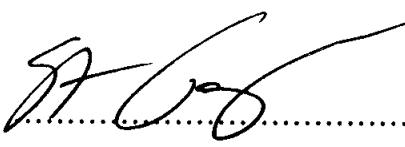
3. If this MoU is terminated, the Participants will initiate negotiations to settle all outstanding mutual financial obligations, claims, disputes and security issues in accordance with this MoU.

4. This MoU may be amended at any time, in writing, by the mutual consent of the Participants. The agreed amendments and supplementary arrangements are integral part of this MoU.

5. Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this MoU will be resolved through negotiations between the Participants at the lowest possible level.

6. Claims arising out of or in connection with this MoU or supplementary arrangements will be dealt with in accordance with Article VIII of the NATO/PfP SOFA.

This MoU is signed in two original copies in English, one for each Participant.

<b>For the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania</b>	<b>For the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden</b>
	
Minister of National Defence	Minister for Defence
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