

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
ESTONIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE KINGDOM OF
DENMARK
CONCERNING
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DEFENCE AND
SECURITY RELATIONS

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark¹, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”;

Mindful of their rights and obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty, and convinced that a greater bilateral defence and security cooperation will reinforce those rights and obligations for the benefit of NATO as a whole;

Noting that this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) replaces the previous agreement on the development of relations in the field of military cooperation and contacts signed between the Republic of Estonia and Kingdom of Denmark on 30 March 1994 in Tallinn;

Recognizing that other existing bilateral Memoranda, Arrangements, Agreements and ongoing cooperation will remain in place;

Taking into account the provisions of the Agreement between the Participants to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces (hereafter “the NATO SOFA”, dated 19 June 1951);

Desiring to complement and reinforce cooperation on subjects of common interest;

Have reached the following understanding:

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework for developing cooperation in the field of defence and security relations between the Participants in areas of mutual interest and within their competence.

1.2 The Participants recognise that enhanced cooperation in the field of defence and security relations offers an opportunity for both sides to increase mutual understanding, and leads to increased interoperability between their armed forces.

¹ Pending approval by the Faroe Islands and Greenland, this agreement does not cover these parts of the Danish Kingdom.

SECTION 2 - IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MOU

2.1 For the purpose of the implementation of this MoU, the Participants may conclude supplementary arrangements. These arrangements may also be concluded between the Participants' agencies and authorities.

SECTION 3 - AREAS OF COOPERATION

3.1 Cooperation can include the following areas:

- a. Security and defence policy;
- b. Issues related to international operations;
- c. Military education, training and exercises;
- d. Defence equipment and logistics;
- e. Cyber defence
- f. Research and technology
- g. Other areas upon mutual consent of the Participants.

SECTION 4 - FORMS OF COOPERATION

4.1 The forms of the cooperation can be:

- a. Official visits, consultations, meetings, conferences, seminars, training and exercises;
- b. Exchange of information;
- c. Exchange of military and civilian personnel and equipment;
- d. Sports and cultural activities;
- e. Other activities as agreed between the Participants.

SECTION 5 - PLANNING

5.1 On the basis of this MoU, the Participants will attend an annual strategic policy dialogue at Policy Director level. This dialogue is supported by expert talks on specific cooperation projects. The purpose of the policy dialogue is to review the lines of effort, the priorities, programme for, and progress in the bilateral cooperation, and to identify new areas for cooperation.

5.2 The Participants will prepare an implementation plan containing the coming year's activities. This implementation plan will be a living document and can be amended by the mutual consent of the Participants. No formal signature of the plan will be required.

SECTION 6 – PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND VISITS

6.1 Classified information generated or exchanged as a result of cooperation under this MoU will be treated in accordance with the provisions, as detailed in the Security Agreement between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark Concerning Security Measures for the Protection of Classified Military Information, signed on 4 April 2001, and its subsequent amendments, as well as international arrangements, NATO regulations, and applicable international and/or EU laws and regulations of the participating states.

SECTION 7 - FINANCIAL ASPECTS

7.1 Unless otherwise decided, each Participant will bear its own costs in relation to the implementation of this MoU. This MoU does not entail any financial liabilities, but does not preclude any financial arrangements being entered into by the Participants on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION 8 - STATUS OF THIS MOU

8.1 This MoU is not intended to conflict with the legislation in force in the states of the Participants, or with international and/or EU law. Should there be conflict, legislation in force in the states of the Participants, international and/or EU law will prevail. The Participants will notify each other in the event of any conflict arising.

SECTION 9 - STATUS OF PERSONNEL

9.1 While staying on the territory of the state of the receiving Participant, the status of the sending Participant's personnel will be governed in accordance with the provisions set out in the NATO SOFA when applicable.

SECTION 10 - FINAL PROVISIONS

10.1 Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be resolved amicably through direct consultation between the Participants and will not be referred to a national or international tribunal or any other third party for settlement.

10.2 This MoU, which does not create any rights or obligations under international and/or EU law, will come into effect on the date of the last signature thereto. It will remain in effect for an unlimited period of time, unless either Participant notifies the other six months in advance of its intention to terminate the MoU.

10.3 In the event that this MoU is terminated, the provisions of Section 6 (Financial Aspects) and Section 10 (Final Provisions) will remain in effect until all outstanding payments and claims are settled.

10.4 The contents of this MoU may be reviewed at any time, and may be amended by mutual written consent of the Participants.

Signed in Brussels on the 5 February 2015 in two original copies in English language.



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the Republic of Estonia**



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