

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

The Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark¹, hereinafter called “the Participants”;

Having regard to the provisions of the North Atlantic Treaty, dated 4 April 1949;

Having regard to the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the status of their Forces (NATO SOFA), signed in London on 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 Memorandum of Understanding (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 each side to increase mutual understanding and trust and may lead to better interoperability between their armed forces.

SECTION 2 - IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MOU

2.1 For the purposes of the implementation of this MoU, the Participants may conclude supplementary arrangements. These arrangements may also be concluded between the Participants’ agencies and authorities, as well as the armed forces and their respective units.

SECTION 3 - AREAS OF COOPERATION

3.1 Cooperation will be carried out in the English language, and can include the following areas:

- a. Defence and security policy;
- b. Issues related to international operations;
- c. Military education, training and exercises;
- d. Defence materiel and logistics;
- e. Other areas upon mutual consent of the Participants.

SECTION 4 - FORMS OF COOPERATION

4.1 The forms of the cooperation can be as follows:

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

- a. Official visits, consultations, meetings, conferences, seminars, training and exercises;
- b. Exchange of information;
- c. Exchange of military and civilian personnel and materiel;
- 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 will be supported by expert talks on specific cooperation projects. The purpose of the strategic policy dialogue is to discuss areas of common interest and concern, and to discuss and review the Political Guidance, the priorities, programmes for, and progress in, the bilateral cooperation, and to identify new areas of cooperation.

5.2 The Participants will approve the Political Guidance for the bilateral cooperation, consisting of the Political Vision and the Road Map. The Participants will also prepare an implementation plan, specifying the Political Guidance and detailing the coming year's activities. This Implementation plan will be a living document, and can be amended by the mutual consent of the Participants.

SECTION 6 - FINANCIAL ASPECTS

6.1 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 7 - STATUS OF THIS MOU

7.1 This MoU is not intended to conflict with the national law of the states of the Participants, international and/or EU law. Should there be conflict, national law of 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 8 - STATUS OF PERSONNEL

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

SECTION 9 - FINAL PROVISIONS

9.1 Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be resolved amicably through direct consultation between the Participants.

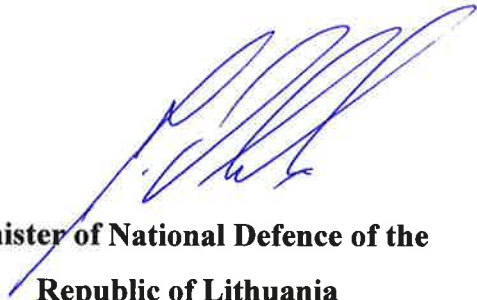
9.2 This MoU, which does not create any rights or obligations under international law, will come into effect on the date of the last signature thereto. It will remain in effect for an unlimited period of time, unless either Participant notifies the other six months in advance of its intention to terminate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


9.3 In the event that this MoU is terminated, the provisions of Section 6 (Financial Aspects) and Paragraph 9.1 (Disputes) will remain in effect until all outstanding payments and disputes are settled.

9.4 As of the date of its entry into effect, this MoU will replace the Agreement between the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark on the development of relations in the field of military cooperation and contacts signed on 11 March 1994.

9.5 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 duplicate in the English language.


**Minister of National Defence of the
Republic of Lithuania**


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