

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LATVIA
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 Latvia and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark¹, hereinafter called “the Participants”,

Having regard to the rights and obligations 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;

Noting that this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter MoU) replaces the previous agreement between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark on the Development of Relations in the Field of Military Cooperation and Contacts , signed in Riga on 3 January 1994;

Recognizing that all other existing bilateral documents and cooperation will remain in place and will not be affected by the terms of this MoU;

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 each party to increase their mutual understanding and may lead to better interoperability between their armed forces.

1.3 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 a conflict, the legislation in force in the states of the Participants, and/or international and/or EU law, will prevail. The

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

Participants will notify each other in the event of any conflict arising.

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 Participant's agencies and authorities.

SECTION 3 - AREAS OF COOPERATION

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

- a. Security and defence 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 Cooperation can be executed as follows:

- 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 Policy Director dialogue. This dialogue is supported by expert talks on specific cooperation projects. The purpose of the policy dialogue is to discuss areas of common interest and the implementation of the Policy Vision for the bilateral cooperation as well as the priorities, programme for, and progress in, the

bilateral cooperation, and to identify new areas for cooperation.

5.2 Following the Policy Director talks, the Participants will prepare an implementation plan containing the coming years' 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 - PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND VISITS

7.1 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 Latvia and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark concerning security measures for the protection of classified military information, signed in Copenhagen on 25 March 2002.

SECTION 8 - STATUS OF PERSONNEL

8.1 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 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 and will not be referred to a national or international tribunal or any other third party for settlement.

9.2 This MoU, which does not establish any rights or obligations under international and/or

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 Section 9 (Final Provisions) will remain in effect until all outstanding payments and claims are settled.

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

9.5 On the date of entry into effect this MoU, the Agreement between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia 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 3 January 1994 in Riga, is replaced.

Signed in *Brussels*... on the *5 February*... 2015 in duplicate in the English language.



**Minister of Defence of
the Republic of Latvia**



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