

# **A G R E E M E N T**

**between**

**the Government of the Czech Republic**

**and**

**the Government of the Republic of Cyprus**

**on**

**Co-operation in the Field of Defence**

The Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

Respecting the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter of 1945;

Desiring to contribute to peace and security in Europe;

Acting in the spirit of partnership and mutual understanding;

Seeking to develop good relations in the field of defence;

Have agreed as follows:

## **Article 1**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Agreement is the establishment of general principles and procedures of co-operation between the Parties in the field of defence.

The Parties shall be obliged to co-operate basing themselves on the principles of equality, reciprocity and mutual interests.

## **Article 2**

### **Implementation Principle**

The co-operation within the framework of this Agreement shall be carried out in accordance with the national laws and regulations of the Parties and principles and norms of international law.

This Agreement shall be without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from international treaties with other States.

## **Article 3**

### **Definition of Terms**

*Sending Party* shall be the Party which sends personnel, materiel, supplies and equipment to the territory of the Receiving Party.

*Receiving Party* shall be the Party which receives in the territory of its State personnel, materiel, supplies and equipment of the Sending Party.

*Personnel* shall be the military and civilian personnel employed within the bodies or structural units of the Parties.

**Article 4**  
**Implementing Bodies**

The State bodies, authorized to implement this Agreement, shall be:

for the Government of the Czech Republic – the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic;

for the Government of the Republic of Cyprus – the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Cyprus.

**Article 5**  
**Co-operation Areas**

The co-operation of the Parties shall be carried out in accordance with the national laws and regulations of the Parties in the following areas:

- Defence policy and security policy;
- Defence planning;
- Legal aspects of preparation and use of Armed Forces;
- Defence industry;
- Defence research and technology;
- Military education and staff training;
- Military medicine;
- Military topography and cartography;
- Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defence;
- Peace, humanitarian and other similar operations;
- Protection of the environment during the activities of Armed Forces;
- Social, cultural and sports activities;
- Other areas as agreed upon by the Implementing Bodies.

Specific issues related to co-operation in the areas mentioned above and in other mutually agreed areas can be set out in detail in separate documents concluded between the Implementing Bodies in accordance with the purpose and on the basis of this Agreement.

**Article 6**  
**Co-operation Forms**

The co-operation between the Parties shall be carried out in the following forms:

Official visits and working meetings at the level of the Ministers of Defence, Chiefs of General Staffs, Commanders of Services of the Armed Forces and other persons authorized by the Implementing Bodies;

Consultations, experience and information exchange;

Negotiations of working groups, holding of joint seminars and conferences on the Armed Forces activities;

Participation in demonstrations of military equipment and armaments, observation of military exercises;

Participation in military exercises;

Education and retraining of military personnel;

Invitation of specialists on specific issues in the capacity of consultants;

Other forms as agreed upon by the Parties.

**Article 7**  
**Annual Plans of Defence Co-operation**

On the basis of this Agreement, the Implementing Bodies shall develop, whenever necessary, written annual plans of defence co-operation for the upcoming year.

These plans shall include the title, place, date and form of an activity as well as number of participants.

**Article 8**  
**Classified Information Protection**

The protection of classified information shall be governed by the Agreement between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Cyprus on the Exchange and Mutual Protection of Classified Information, signed in Nicosia on 9 June 2011.

**Article 9**  
**Financial Provisions**

The exchange of delegations of the Parties shall be carried out on the basis of reciprocity and in accordance with the following provisions:

The Sending Party shall cover expenses on the transportation to/from a place in the State of the Receiving Party, daily allowances to its delegation members and expenses on insurance policies, if there are any;

The Receiving Party shall take upon itself expenses related to the accommodation of delegation members, their nourishment at a place of activities, accommodation and transport support.

**Article 10**  
**Discipline and Liability**

The Sending Party shall use its best efforts to ensure that its personnel respect the national laws and regulations, procedures and rules of the State of the Receiving Party during the participation in the activities carried out in the territory of the State of the Receiving Party.

**Article 11**  
**Medical Aid**

The Receiving Party shall, in its state territory, provide necessary medical care to the personnel of the Sending Party in accordance with directly applicable legislative acts of the European Union on the coordination of social security systems.

**Article 12**  
**Settlement of Disputes**

Any disputes regarding the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled by the Parties through mutual consultations and negotiations.

**Article 13**  
**Amendments and Supplements**

This Agreement may be amended or supplemented at any time by written consent of the Parties.

The agreed amendments and supplements to this Agreement shall be formalized by separate protocols which are an integral part of this Agreement and enter into force in accordance with Article 15 of this Agreement.

**Article 14**  
**Duration and Termination**

This Agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite period.

Either Party, at any time, may terminate this Agreement. The Party shall notify the other Party on its intention to terminate this Agreement in writing and through diplomatic channels. The Agreement shall be terminated six months after the receipt of such notice by the other Party.

In case of termination of this Agreement, all activities, initiated during the effectiveness of the Agreement, shall be carried out on the same conditions, on which they were initiated.

**Article 15**  
**Entry into Force**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

Done in Brussels on November 19, 2012 in duplicate, in the Czech, Greek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergences regarding the interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

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