

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
ON CO-OPERATION
IN DEFENCE MATTERS

The Portuguese Republic and the Republic of Estonia, hereinafter referred to as “Parties”;

In accordance with the principles and goals of the Charter of the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe;

Considering the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation as a pillar of security and stability;

Determined to contribute to a closer European Union, and broader transatlantic relationship, by acting in the spirit of partnership and co-operation through the development of strong relations in the field of defence, in both NATO and EU organizations;

Striving to participate in the building of democracy, peace and unity by the use of mechanisms of co-operation on the whole European continent;

Wishing to develop and intensify their bilateral co-operation in defence matters;

And willing to strengthen the cooperation already initiated with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of National Defence of the Portuguese Republic on Co-operation in Defence Matters, signed in Brussels in May 19, 2003,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of the present Agreement is to provide a framework for co-operation between the Parties on defence matters.

ARTICLE 2

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

1. The co-operation between the Parties shall be developed in the following areas:
 - a) Defence and security policy;
 - b) Defence and military legislation;
 - c) Arms control and disarmament;
 - d) Planning and budgeting;
 - e) Logistics and procurement;
 - f) Civil-military cooperation;
 - g) Defence industries and military equipment;
 - h) Education, training and exercises;
 - i) Cyber security, cyber defence, crisis management in cyberspace and related fields;
 - j) Peacekeeping and peace enforcement;
 - k) Crises management;
 - l) Environmental issues within military facilities;
 - m) Military history, publications and museums;
 - n) Social, sports and cultural activities;
 - o) Other mutual interest areas that will be agreed by written consent of the Parties.
2. In order to fulfil the provisions of the present Agreement and to implement the co-operation in the areas mentioned above, the Parties may conclude specific instruments.

ARTICLE 3 FORMS OF CO-OPERATION

- The co-operation between the Parties shall be implemented in the following forms:
- a) Official and working visits of delegations headed by representatives of the Parties;
 - b) Exchange of experience between experts of the Parties in defence areas;
 - c) Exchange of observers to military exercises;
 - d) Exchange of technical, technological and industrial information and use of their capacities in areas of mutual interest, according to the national regulations of the Parties;
 - e) Meetings of representatives of military institutions;
 - f) Exchange of lecturers and attendance to courses, seminars and symposia organized by the Parties;

- g) Joint participation in multilateral initiatives under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), within the European Union (EU) and with third countries or other international organizations.

ARTICLE 4
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

For coordination of the implementation of the present Agreement the Parties designate, as competent authorities, their respective Defence Policy organisations within the Ministries of Defence.

ARTICLE 5
FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Each Party will cover its own costs deriving from the bilateral co-operation activities executed under the present Agreement unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in written form.

ARTICLE 6
SECURITY OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

The protection of Classified Information to be exchanged between the Parties shall be in compliance with the terms of the Agreement on the Protection of Classified Information between the Republic of Estonia and the Portuguese Republic, signed on November 29, 2005.

ARTICLE 7
RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

The present Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from international conventions to which they are Parties and shall not be used against Third States.

ARTICLE 8
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the present Agreement shall be settled through negotiation, through the diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 9
AMENDMENT

1. The present Agreement may be amended by request of one of the Parties.
2. The amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the terms specified in Article 11 of the present Agreement.

ARTICLE 10
DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. The present Agreement shall remain in force for an unlimited period of time.
2. Either Party may, at any time, denounce the present Agreement upon a prior notification in writing through diplomatic channels.
3. The present Agreement shall terminate six months after the receipt of such notification.

ARTICLE 11
ENTRY INTO FORCE

The present Agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the date of receipt of the later of the notifications, in writing through diplomatic channels, conveying the completion of the internal procedures of each Party required for that purpose.

ARTICLE 12
REGISTRATION

Upon the entry into force of the present Agreement, the Party in whose territory it is signed shall transmit it to the Secretariat of the United Nations for registration, in

accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, and shall notify the other Party of the completion of this procedure as well as of its registration number.

Done in Tallin on the 1st of June of 2018, in two originals, in the Portuguese, Estonian, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation of this Agreement the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

The Minister of Defence

The Minister of National Defence