

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

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

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

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

Having in mind the development of the bilateral co-operation in defence matters between the two States;

Recognizing the applicability of the provisions of the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces (NATO SOFA), done in London, on 19 June 1951;

Determined to contribute to the strengthening of the 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,

Have agreed as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **PURPOSE**

This Agreement aims to promote co-operation between the Parties concerning defence matters, within their competences, in accordance with their respective internal law and the international commitments undertaken by the Parties and on the basis of the principles of equality, reciprocity and mutual interest.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Agreement the terms listed below are defined as follows:

- a) "*Sending Party*" means the Party that sends personnel, assets and equipment to the territory of the Receiving Party;
- b) "*Receiving Party*" means the Party in whose territory the personnel, assets and equipment of the Sending Party are located;
- c) "*Personnel*" means military and civilian personnel working for the institutions and bodies of the Parties.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **AREAS OF CO-OPERATION**

1. The co-operation between the Parties shall be developed in the following areas:
  - a) Strategic Dialogue;
  - b) Defence policy and military doctrine;
  - c) EU Common Security and Defence Policy;
  - d) Defence Industries, technologies and equipments;
  - e) Defence capabilities;
  - f) Defence and military legislation;
  - g) Planning and budgeting;
  - h) Logistics and procurement;
  - i) Armed forces organisation within the fields of personnel, administration and logistics;
  - j) Scientific and military health co-operation;
  - k) Military education and training of military and civilian personnel;
  - l) Military exercises;
  - m) Military history, publications and museums;
  - n) Military geography, geodesy, meteorology, topography and cartography;
  - o) Peace, humanitarian and search and rescue operations;

- p) Environmental protection in the military locations;
  - q) Social, sports and cultural activities.
2. The Parties may agree on any other areas of mutual interest in the field of defence.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

##### **FORMS OF CO-OPERATION**

1. The co-operation between the Parties shall be carried out through:
  - a) Official visits and working meetings headed by high 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, conferences and symposiums organised by the Parties.
2. The Parties may agree on other forms of co-operation in the scope of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

##### **EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT**

In order to fulfil the provisions of this Agreement and to implement the co-operation in the areas mentioned in Article 3 of this Agreement, the Parties may conclude specific implementation agreements, memoranda of understanding, protocols and arrangements as well as co-operation plans.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

##### **COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

1. For coordination of the implementation of this Agreement the Parties designate, as competent authorities, their respective Ministries of Defence.
2. Within the Ministries of Defence the implementation of this Agreement shall be the responsibility of their respective Defence Policy departments.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**FINANCIAL ASPECTS**

1. The expenses derived from the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be borne by each Party in accordance with its respective applicable law.
2. The exchange of delegations of the Parties shall be made on the basis of reciprocity and having regard to the following provisions:
  - a) The Sending Party shall bear the expenses for international transportation, accommodation and food and also those related with daily allowance and other expenditures, such as personal items or communication-related expenses;
  - b) The Receiving Party shall bear the expenses for transportation on its own territory, catering at the place of activity, as well as basic medical services in emergency cases.
3. The Parties may agree on different cost sharing for specific activities.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**STATUS OF PERSONNEL**

While on the territory of the Receiving Party, the status of the Sending Party personnel will be governed by the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces (NATO SOFA), done in London, on 19 June 1951.

**ARTICLE 9**  
**SECURITY OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

The protection of classified information to be exchanged between the Parties shall be regulated by an agreement between the Parties concerning the mutual protection of classified information.

**ARTICLE 10**  
**RELATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL TREATIES**

The provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations deriving from other international treaties to which both Parties are parties.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **ENTRY INTO FORCE**

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of the latter of the notifications, in writing through diplomatic channels, conveying the completion of the internal procedures of each Party required for that purpose.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled by negotiations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **AMENDMENT**

1. This 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 this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **DURATION AND TERMINATION**

1. This Agreement shall remain in force for an unlimited period of time.
2. Either Party may, at any time, terminate this Agreement upon a prior notification to the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels.
3. This Agreement shall terminate ninety (90) days after the date of receipt of such notification.
4. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the ongoing activities under this Agreement, unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing through diplomatic channels.
5. In case of termination of this Agreement, the implementation agreements, memoranda of understanding, protocols and arrangements as well as co-operation plans referred to in Article 5 shall terminate, unless otherwise agreed.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **REGISTRATION**

Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, the Party in whose territory this Agreement 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 Lisbon on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019, in two originals, in the Portuguese, Croatian 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 CROATIA**

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