

Agreement

between

the Ministry of Defence
of Georgia

and

the Federal Ministry of Defence
of the Federal Republic of Germany

regarding

Military Cooperation

The Ministry of Defence of Georgia
and
the Federal Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany,

hereinafter referred to as "Parties",

recognising the importance of joint efforts to preserve international peace, regional security and stability on the basis of the principles of equality, partnership and mutual benefits;

recognising the role of NATO in the preservation of international peace and security and Georgia's outstanding contributions and commitment to global peace and Euro-Atlantic security;

honouring dedication and sacrifices of German and Georgian armed forces in Afghanistan and around the world;

reconfirming the shared willingness of the Federal Republic of Germany and Georgia to confront common dangers and the threats and recognising the importance of self-defence and resilience;

Considering the NATO Summits in Wales 2014 and in Warsaw 2016, where "Substantial NATO-Georgia Package" and the additional measures were agreed to strengthen Georgia's defence capabilities and resilience and help Georgia to advance in its preparation for membership in the Alliance, in accordance with the decisions of the Summit in Bucharest 2008 and underlining NATO's Open Door Policy;

desiring to intensify the relations between the Parties;

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to define the framework of military cooperation as well as the sharing of experience to the benefit of the Parties' armed forces.

Article 2

Areas of Cooperation

Cooperation between the Parties, according to the plans mentioned in Article 4 and the issues agreed by the Parties shall encompass a regular exchange of information and experience in the following areas:

- a) security and military policy,
- b) integration of the armed forces into a free and democratic society,
- c) NATO Partnership for Peace (PfP) Programme,
- d) leadership concepts (Innere Führung – leadership and civic education),
- e) constitutional provisions relative to the armed forces and military law,
- f) internal organisation of the armed forces,

- g) military aspects of arms control,
- h) personnel selection and management,
- i) initial and continuation training of military and civilian members of the armed forces,
- j) defence administration and social issues,
- k) organisational structures of the armed forces,
- l) force planning procedures,
- m) running of armed forces in peacetime,
- n) military medicine,
- o) military history,
- p) military geography,
- q) environmental protection in the armed forces,
- r) deployments of armed forces within the framework of disaster relief and humanitarian assistance and
- s) other mutually agreed areas.

Article 3
Forms of Cooperation

- (1) Cooperation between the Parties shall take place mainly in the form of:
- a) official visits of high-ranking, leading military and civilian representatives of the Parties,
 - b) staff and specialist talks,
 - c) information and working visits of delegations,
 - d) contacts between equivalent military institutions,
 - e) contacts between units earmarked for peace support operations under the authority of the United Nations,
 - f) participation in training courses, practical training, seminars, colloquia and symposia,
 - g) study tours to military units and civilian installations,
 - h) exchange of information and material on military studies and
 - i) cultural and sports events.
- (2) The exchange of defence industry goods and technologies shall not be the subject of this Agreement.

Article 4
Implementing Procedures

- (1) Mutual cooperation plans shall be elaborated one year in advance. Cooperation shall be based on separate programmes as mutually agreed each year for the following year. These programmes shall supplement the Agreement. The Parties can change the annual programmes only in exceptional cases or by mutual consent.
- (2) Official visits shall be arranged and coordinated separately. They will be conducted alternately on a reciprocal basis. The same applies to the exchange of delegations and individuals by the Parties in the context of information and working visits.
- (3) Insofar as other forms of cooperation shall be envisaged, separate conditions different from the above may be stipulated in further agreements. If forms of cooperation are realised that require a prolonged stay of members of the armed forces on the territory of the state of the respective other Party, especially initial and continuation training of students in training facilities of the armed forces or the defence administration, supplementary arrangements shall be made in advance.
- (4) The measures agreed within the scope of cooperation shall be implemented with due regard to national laws applicable in the respective host state.
- (5) If necessary, it shall be possible to conclude additional protocols to this Agreement governing individual areas of cooperation.

Article 5
Security

In accordance with their national laws the Parties shall guarantee the protection of information provided to them as part of the cooperation in implementing this Agreement. The Parties shall undertake not to use such information and intelligence to the detriment of the other Party's interests.

Article 6
Costs

(1) Each Party shall bear the costs associated with the implementation of this Agreement unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

(2) Necessary services rendered for the respective other Party in implementing the provisions of this Agreement shall be reimbursed in accordance with the respective national budgetary provisions by the Party which received the services.

Article 7
Settlement of Disputes

Disputes arising from the interpretation or application of provisions of this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by consultation and negotiation between the Parties.

Article 8
Final Provisions

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the next month, after the Georgian Party has informed the German Party, through official channels, that the national requirements for such entry into force have been fulfilled. The relevant date shall be the day on which the communication is received.

(2) This Agreement may be amended and supplemented by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Such amendments and supplements shall enter into force in the same manner as this Agreement.

(3) This Agreement shall be of indefinite duration. It may be terminated by either Party at any time by giving written notice of termination, through official channels, to the other Party. The Agreement will be terminated six months after the receipt of the notice of termination by the other Party.

Done at Berlin on 26 November 2018 in two originals, each in the Georgian, German and English languages, each text being authentic. In case of divergent interpretation of the Georgian and the German text, the English text shall prevail.

For the
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