

AGREEMENT

between

**THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
OF ROMANIA**

and

**THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
OF THE
KINGDOM OF NORWAY**

on cooperation in the military field

Aprobat p.m. HG nr. 631 din 06.10 1998

The Ministry of National Defence of Romania and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Norway, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

REAFFIRMING their devotion to the reinforcement of democracy, stability, peace and unity on the whole European continent, using the mechanisms of cooperation,

GUIDED by the wish to develop and strengthen mutual relations in the military field according to the provisions of the United Nations Charter, the Final Act of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Paris Charter, the 1994 Vienna Document and other relevant CSCE/OSCE - documents,

KEEPING in mind the defence cooperation laid down during the meetings of NATO ministers of defence with Cooperation Partners and wishing to strengthen this cooperation as part of a dynamic process,

TAKING into account that the security of European states and thus the security of Europe as a whole will be enhanced by the implementation of the work plan of the North Atlantic Cooperation Council and the Partnership for Peace Programme,

AIMING at developing cooperation between defence ministries of both states and their armed forces,

have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the framework for cooperation in the military field between the two Parties, on issues of mutual interest, within the limits of their competencies stipulated by their national laws.

ARTICLE 2

FIELDS OF COOPERATION

1. The mutual relations in the area of defence cooperation between the Parties may include:

- a bilateral dialogue on defence and security policy issues in general,
- organizational and procedural aspects of activities of the Parties in the process of developing democratic control and effective management of their armed forces,

- an exchange of experience in the field of training of troops, military education, administration and management of personnel,
- defence procurement policies and matters concerning the defence industry,
- an exchange of ideas in the field of cooperation between military and civil service defence officials,
- practical aspects of peace support operations,
- protection of environment and matters concerning pollution related to military activity.

2. Specific issues of cooperation in the fields referred to in paragraph 1 may be set out in more detail by the Parties in the form of additional MOU's to this Agreement, or on an ad hoc basis.

ARTICLE 3 FORMS OF COOPERATION

Cooperation in defence related matters will mainly take place through:

- bilateral defence talks and consultations as appropriate on current issues,
- reciprocal visits between representatives of the Ministries of Defence and the General Staffs.

ARTICLE 4 PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

The receiving Party will provide the same protection and classification for the exchanged information as those used by the sending Party.

The exchanged information will be used only for the purpose it was provided or obtained and will not be submitted to a third party without a preceding agreement.

ARTICLE 5
FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. The sending Party will cover travel expenses to and from the host country, as well as room and board.

2. The receiving Party will cover travel expenses within the host country and will assist in acquiring urgent medical and dental care.

ARTICLE 6
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute related to the interpretation and implementation of this Agreement will be exclusively settled through consultations between Parties.

ARTICLE 7
COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES ACCORDING TO OTHER
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

This Agreement does not affect commitments resulting for each Party from other international agreements in which they are parties too and is not against security and territorial integrity of other states.

ARTICLE 8
AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES

Each Party may anytime amend or change this Agreement.

The amendments and changes made on mutual agreement between the Parties are integral part of this Agreement and enter into force on the date of the last notification, sent through diplomatic channels, by which the Parties inform each other on the fulfillment of the internal legal procedures concerning entering into force of international understandings.

ARTICLE 9
DURATION AND TERMINATION

This Agreement is concluded for a period of five years and will automatically be extended for periods of one year, unless any of the Parties will notify to the other Party of its intention to denounce it, at least six months before the period of validity expires.

ARTICLE 10
FINAL PROVISIONS

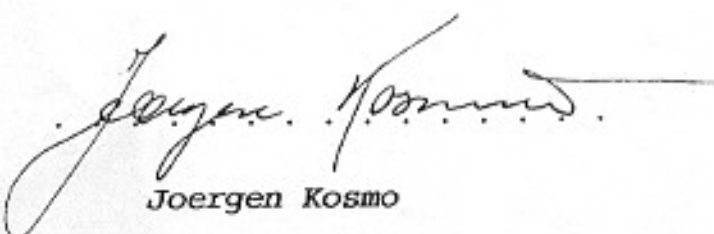
This Agreement enters into force on the date of the last notification, sent through diplomatic channels, by which the Parties inform each other on the fulfillment of the internal legal procedures concerning entering into force of international understandings.

Signed in Oslo, on May 9, 1997, in two copies, in the English language, both being equally authentic.

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