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**REPUBLIC OF KOREA
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UMBRELLA AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING WARTIME HOST NATION SUPPORT

The Government of the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the Government of the United States of America (U.S.) (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"):

Reaffirming their obligations under the Mutual Defense Treaty of October 1, 1953;²

Desiring to enhance the capability to defend the Korean Peninsula, in times of crisis, hostilities, or war, by facilitating the deployment of U.S. reinforcing forces and thereby improving their combat power, through Wartime Host Nation Support:

Realizing that Wartime Host Nation Support, to the extent possible, will be identified, tested, and exercised for the improvement of security in the Republic of Korea; and

Desiring to strengthen the close bonds of mutual interest between their two countries:

Have agreed as follows:

¹ Came into force on 23 December 1992 by an exchange of notes confirming that the Republic of Korea had ratified it pursuant to its domestic laws and that the United States had approved it pursuant to its constitutional process, in accordance with article 9.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 238, p. 199.

Article 1
Definitions

As used in this Agreement, the term:

- a. "Wartime Host Nation Support" (WHNS) means military and civilian resources and assistance provided by the Republic of Korea for the reception, onward movement, and sustainment of U.S. Forces in times of crisis, hostilities, or war, the provision of which may be set forth in support agreements, arrangements and plans concluded between the Parties;
- b. "Unforeseen WHNS" means WHNS not included in any support agreement, arrangement or plan;
- c. "Technical Arrangement" means an arrangement between the Parties that sets forth principles and parameters for combined detailed planning for provision of WHNS in a particular functional area.

Article 2
General Responsibilities

- a. Subject to the Mutual Defense Treaty of October 1, 1953, the United States is committed to the security and territorial integrity of the Republic of Korea. U.S. military personnel in the Republic of Korea serve as a military deterrent and are a manifestation of the commitment of the United States to the defense of the Republic of Korea. In addition, the United States maintains plans to reinforce U.S. Forces on the Korean Peninsula in the event of crisis, hostilities, or war, and prepositions major items of equipment and other sustainability assets in Northeast Asia.

b. In accordance with each Party's constitutional processes, and upon execution of the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command Operations Plan 5027 (CINCUNC/CFC OPLAN 5027), the United States plans to provide units to reinforce the Republic of Korea in the event of external armed attack. These units and their estimated arrival dates are listed in the Time Phased Force Deployment List (TPFDL), Appendix 6, to Annex A to CINCUNC/CFC OPLAN 5027. The TPFDL is updated biennially through U.S./ROK agreements. CINCUNC/CFC OPLAN 5027 is distributed with a SECRET-U.S./ROK classification and is reviewed periodically by the Parties for currency and adequacy.

c. In order to enhance the combat effectiveness of U.S. Forces on the Korean Peninsula, the Republic of Korea plans to provide WHNS to the United States in accordance with this Agreement. Civilian resources which need to be mobilized will not be available until national mobilization is declared. Unforeseen WHNS will be provided according to the procedures outlined in the appropriate Technical Arrangements. Unforeseen WHNS will be supported according to Republic of Korea availability of assets and will continue until such time as the United States may fulfill the function through U.S. logistic units deployment or by other means.

d. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Parties will jointly determine when a crisis, hostilities, or war occurs.

Article 3
Existing Support Agreements, Arrangements and Plans

a. This Agreement will not affect the validity of existing agreements, arrangements and plans which provide WHNS and which were approved by authorized agents of the Parties prior to the effective date of this

Agreement. Annex 1 lists existing agreements, arrangements and plans which provide WHNS and are based on previously identified U.S. requirements.

b. Additional existing agreements, arrangements and plans which provide WHNS and which are identified subsequent to the signing of this Agreement will be added to Annex 1 as mutually agreed.

c. A review of WHNS plans, the CINCUNC/CFC OPLAN 5027 TPFDL, and in place U.S. Forces in Korea will be conducted biennially to determine the adequacy of WHNS to meet U.S. requirements.

Article 4 Additional Support Agreements, Arrangements and Plans

The Parties shall take all necessary measures to identify any required WHNS not included in existing support agreements, arrangements or plans and shall develop and conclude additional support agreements, arrangements or plans for the provision of WHNS. The Parties shall apply the terms of this Agreement to any such support agreements, arrangements or plans which may be mutually agreed and which provide WHNS. Any such agreements, arrangements or plans will be added to Annex 1 when concluded, as mutually agreed and will become effective in accordance with the legal procedures of the Parties.

Article 5 Technical Arrangements

The Parties will conclude Technical Arrangements for each of the functional areas listed in Annex 2, as well as for any other