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**Greece, Bulgaria, Cyprus
and
Romania**

Technical Agreement between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Cyprus, the Ministry of National Defence of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Defence of Romania on the establishment of an EU multinational battlegroup with Greece as framework nation and the participation of Bulgaria, Cyprus and Romania (with annexes). Brussels, 13 November 2006

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**Grèce, Bulgarie, Chypre
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Roumanie**

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TECHNICAL AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA,
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS,
THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF ROMANIA**

ON

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EU MULTINATIONAL BATTLEGROUP
WITH GREECE AS FRAMEWORK NATION
AND THE PARTICIPATION OF BULGARIA, CYPRUS AND ROMANIA**

TECHNICAL AGREEMENT (TA)

BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF ROMANIA ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EU MULTINATIONAL BATTLEGROUP WITH GREECE AS FRAMEWORK NATION AND THE PARTICIPATION OF BULGARIA, CYPRUS AND ROMANIA

PREAMBLE

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria (MOD-BU), the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Cyprus (MOD-CY), the Ministry of National Defence of the Hellenic Republic (MOD- GR) and the Ministry of Defence of Romania (MOD-RO)

- Considering that the fundamental framework for international relations is the United Nations and that the United Nations Security Council has the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security;
 - Noting the Letter of Intent (hereinafter referred to as "the LOI") concerning the establishment of an EU Multinational BattleGroup with Greece as Framework Nation (hereinafter referred to as "the FN") and the participation of Bulgaria, Cyprus and Romania (hereinafter referred to as Participants), signed by MOD-BU, MOD-CY, MOD-GR and MOD-RO in Brussels on the 21st of November 2005;
 - Recognizing that, in the field of crisis management, the common objective of the Member States of the European Union is to develop their military capabilities, in order to strengthen the military capabilities of the European Union.
 - Noting that the implementation of the EU BG Concept is one of the key elements in the process of reinforcing the EU's capabilities for effective crisis management and especially the rapid response capabilities.
 - Considering the status of the Member States/ Nations participating in that Battlegroup with regard to the EU structures.
 - Noting that up to the date of Bulgaria's and Romania's accession to the EU, the Agreement between the Republic of Bulgaria and the EU establishing a framework for the participation of the Republic of Bulgaria in the EU crisis management operations, done in Brussels on 24 January 2005 and the Agreement between the EU and Romania establishing a framework for the participation of Romania in the EU crisis management operations, done in Brussels on 22 November 2004 will apply, respectively.
 - Having, as a priority matter, the development of European Union military rapid response capability, as stated in the European Security Strategy;
 - Taking into account that, with the Headline Goal 2010 document, EU member States have stated their commitment to fulfill the requirement in responding to the whole spectrum of crisis management operations covered by the Treaty on the European Union;
 - Confirming the willingness, expressed by MOD-GR to organize a Multinational BattleGroup, and by MOD-BU, by MOD-CY and by MOD-RO, to join this Multinational Hellenic-based EU BattleGroup (hereinafter referred to as "the HELBROC BG");
- hereby agree, as follows:

SECTION 1

DEFINITIONS

1.1 For the purposes of this Technical Agreement (TA) and subsequent documents, specific definitions will apply as shown in attached Annex "A" of this TA.

SECTION 2

PURPOSE OF THE TA

2.1 The purpose of this TA is to provide a framework document that defines the general conditions of forming the "HELBROC BG" with Greece as the Framework Nation (FN) and the participation of Bulgaria, Cyprus and Romania.

2.2 The provisions of this TA will be applied to all personnel/ units that the Participants will decide to earmark for the "HELBROC BG".

2.3 This TA applies, if not otherwise specified, to all "HELBROC BG" activities. If one or more Participants do not take part in given "HELBROC BG" activities, this TA will apply between the remaining Participants.

SECTION 3

PURPOSE OF THE HELBROC BG

3.1 The purpose of the "HELBROC BG" is to contribute to the strengthening and further development of the European Security and Defence Policy, by making it available to the EU for the undertaking of EU-led Crisis Management Operations.

SECTION 4

FORCE CONTRIBUTION, COMMAND STRUCTURE AND STAFF

4.1 The "HELBROC BG" package will consist of a Force Headquarters (FHQ), based on the assigned Brigade, of a reinforced Battalion associated with the necessary Combat Support and Combat Service Support elements, as well as the appropriate air and maritime enablers.

4.2 When the "HELBROC BG" is activated, according to an EU Council's decision for a specific Crisis Management Operation, it will be deployed under the Operational Command of the Hellenic OHQ.

4.3 Transfer of Authority (TOA) to the Operation Commander will take place upon arrival of the forces in the assembly area.

4.4 Greece will offer positions in the OHQ/ FHQ and Battalion HQ to the other Participants, in accordance with the entity of the capabilities/personnel that they effectively contribute to the "HELBROC BG" while preserving the cohesiveness of the military package.

4.5 The respective units which shall be incorporated in the composition of the "HELBROC BG" will remain at their permanent homebase stations and under the national command structure, having the appropriate readiness to deploy.

4.6 The generic "HELBROC BG" structure, the respective BG composition and the multinationally allocated posts of the FHQ, are specified at Annex "B" of this TA. Any changes regarding the above contributions/commitments can be made only after proper consultation with the FN without being necessary to amend or revise this TA in accordance with the procedure provided for in Section 14, para 14.2 thereof.

SECTION 5

PERSONNEL

5.1 The job descriptions of the positions referred to in para 4.4 of this TA to be filled by military personnel from the Participants will be regulated by follow on arrangements, based on detailed "roster", to be issued by the FN.

5.2 Each Participant may detach personnel to the Hellenic OHQ organic structure. Administrative details regarding the detachment of these personnel will be regulated by specific arrangements.

5.3 The legal status that will be applied to personnel of the Participants, while in Greece by virtue of the provisions of this TA, will be regulated by the EU SOFA or any other relevant regulation/ agreement applicable among them. When the "HELBROC BG" is deployed to the Joint Area of Operations, the legal status of the personnel of the Participants will be defined by particular agreements, concluded by the EU and the Nation where the "HELBROC BG" is deployed.

5.4 While performing their official duties, military personnel of the "HELBROC BG" will wear their national military uniforms, together with such distinctive items of uniform (e.g. Flags - Nation Name), as are officially accepted by the U.N. or/ and the EU.

SECTION 6

TRAINING

6.1 The "HELBROC BG" will be employed in training activities, as necessary, following common decisions, in order to achieve the required operational capability.

6.2 The Participants will be responsible for the training of their own units in their permanent locations and in national training facilities, in accordance with established standards.

6.3 Joint training will be conducted according to commonly agreed upon plans and programmes. Key personnel that will participate in the "HELBROC BG" could achieve the required level of expertise through specific courses conducted in the Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Center (MPSOTC), based in Kilis-Greece.

6.4 The necessary arrangements concerning the level and the number of participation to all training activities, together with financial issues will be made at least one month prior to the beginning of the training.

SECTION 7

DOCTRINE, DOCUMENTS AND SECURITY OF INFORMATION

7.1 As a general rule, EU doctrine and publications will constitute the reference documents within the "HELBROC BG" for operational and training activities. In those domains which are not covered by EU conceptual framework, the FN, in close cooperation with the other Participants, will issue all the necessary operational documents.

7.2 EU classified information related to the "HELBROC BG" activities will be protected and handled according to EU regulations. Further details regarding security of information will be incorporated in the "HELBROC BG's" Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) that will be issued in due course.