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Preamble

The Kingdom of the Netherlands and Belize, hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as a “Party”

Desiring to define the status of personnel of the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and their dependents, while present in the territory of Belize

Have agreed on the following:

Article I

Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement and its implementation:

1. The term “Personnel” means military or civilian personnel of the Ministries of Defence of the Parties.
2. The term “Military personnel” means the military of the Ministry of Defence of the sending Party.

Article II

Entry and exit requirements

1. The Personnel of the sending Party and their dependents shall have the right to enter into, stay, and depart from the territory of the receiving Party. The Personnel of the sending Party and their dependents shall have the same freedom of movement as is accorded to nationals of the receiving Party.

2. Provided they are in possession of official identity cards or other documents of identity normally issued to them, the Military personnel shall be exempted from passport and visa regulations and immigration requirements on entering or leaving the territory of the receiving Party. The civilian personnel of the Ministry of Defence of the sending Party and dependents shall be similarly exempted, provided they are in possession of valid passports.

Article III

Discipline and jurisdiction

1. The sending Party shall have the right to exercise military measures conferred on them by the laws and rules of military discipline of the sending Party over the respective Personnel who are subjected to the service law of the sending Party. The sending Party shall inform the receiving Party of any incident in this respect.
2. The Personnel of the sending Party shall respect the laws of the receiving Party and shall abstain from any activity inconsistent with the spirit of this Agreement and, in particular, from any political activity in the receiving Party. The officer in command of the Personnel of the sending Party shall take the necessary measures to that end.
3. The sending Party shall exercise exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all criminal and civil proceedings against the Personnel of the sending Party, but shall only do so after immediate consultation with the Government of the receiving Party if the proceedings involve persons and or property of persons other than Personnel of the sending Party and shall send a written report on the matter to the officer in command of the Personnel of the sending Party.
4.
 - a. In the event that the authorities of the receiving Party take into custody any member of the Personnel of the sending Party, they shall hand over such custody to the officer in command of the Personnel of the sending Party forthwith and shall send a written report on the matter to the officer in command of the Personnel of the sending Party without any delay.
 - b. The appropriate authorities of the sending Party shall inform the appropriate authorities of the receiving Party of their decision to institute legal action against the member of the Personnel of the sending Party and of the outcome of the procedures that have been initiated in the sending Party.

Article IV

Importation and exportation

1. The receiving Party waives the right to levy import and export fees, duties, taxes and other charges otherwise leviable in the receiving Party on equipment, materials, supplies and other property imported into the receiving Party by the sending Party in connection with this Agreement.
2. Equipment, materials, supplies, and other property imported into the receiving Party by the sending Party shall be exempted from any inspection.
3. Baggage, personal effects, products, and other property for the personal use of the Personnel of the sending Party imported into the receiving Party shall be exempt from import and export fees, duties, taxes, and other charges otherwise leviable in the receiving Party.

Article V

Arms and uniforms

1. The Military personnel, participating in military training and exercises, may possess and carry arms on the condition that they are authorized to do so by their orders.
2. The Military personnel may use arms and ammunition only for training and exercise purposes on locations specifically intended for such use by the receiving Party. These locations shall be further agreed upon between the appropriate authorities of the receiving Party and the sending Party.
3. The arms and ammunition shall be stored and guarded in accordance with the laws and regulations of the receiving Party.
4. The Military personnel may wear their national military uniform while performing official duties.

Article VI

Driving permits

1. The receiving Party shall either:
 - a. Accept as valid without a driving test or fee the current and valid driving permits or licenses or military driving permits issued by the sending Party to the Personnel of the sending Party; or