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AGREEMENT
between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus
and the Government of the Russian Federation
on Military Cooperation

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as «the Parties»,

aspiring to development of the existing friendly relations between the States of the Parties based on the principles of sovereignty, equality, mutual respect of interests and non-interference in internal affairs,

recognizing that the development of relations between the Parties promotes better mutual understanding and trust between the Republic of Cyprus and the Russian Federation, as well as strengthening international peace and security,

confirming the importance of the dialogue on the issues of the maintenance of international and regional security, stability and mutual understanding in the defense policy of the Republic of Cyprus and the Russian Federation,

for the purpose of strengthening relations between the Armed forces of the States of the Parties,

desiring to enhance various forms of military cooperation between the Parties,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The purpose of this Agreement is the development of bilateral military cooperation between the Parties to strengthen mutual trust and international security.

Article 2

The Parties carry out cooperation in the following ways:

- exchange of views and information on military-political issues, issues of strengthening of mutual trust and international security, strengthening of struggle against terrorism and arms control;
- development of relationship in the field of military education, military medicine, military history, military topography, military hydrography and military culture;
- exchange of experience on the issues of peacekeeping activities and interaction in peacekeeping operations under the United Nations;
- exchange of experience in the education and training of military personnel;
- other areas of cooperation, determined by mutual consent of the Parties.

Article 3

Referred to in paragraph 2 of this Agreement realization of cooperation ways between the Parties take the following forms:

- official visits of the different levels delegations of military and civilian representatives of the Parties;
- participation on the invitation in military exercises or by the presence of as observers;
- working meetings of military experts and specialists;
- participation in the theoretical and practical training programs, seminars, conferences, negotiations and symposiums;
- training of military personnel;
- calls at the ports of warships of the States of the Parties and visits of military aircraft;
- carrying out of cultural and sporting events;
- organization of recreation programs for servicemen and their families;

- other forms of cooperation, determined by mutual consent of the Parties.

Article 4

Parties authorized body for the implementation of this Agreement will be:

For the Government of the Republic of Cyprus – the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Cyprus,

For the Government of the Russian Federation – the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation.

Article 5

In order to implement this Agreement and cooperation activities, the authorized bodies of the Parties establish the Joint working group.

If necessary and with the periodicity of which Parties will be agree, Joint working group meetings will be held by turns in the Republic of Cyprus and in the Russian Federation.

During its function the Joint working group solves the following problems:

- the organization of the dialog for the defense strategic questions representing mutual interest for the Parties;
- drawing up and monitoring of implementation of the military contacts plan of the Parties;
- consideration of other issues related to joint activities of the Parties for implementation of the this Agreement.

Article 6

Each Party finances the expenses of their representatives, related to their participation in the activities provided by this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

Carrying out activities within this Agreement depends on existence of financing of the Parties.

Article 7

Any information transmitted within this Agreement should be used only in its purposes.

Information obtained by one of the Parties in the framework of cooperation should not be used to the detriment of the other Party.

The Parties undertake not to transfer without preliminary written consent of other Party to the third side information about the cooperation received or common created in the frame of implementation of the present Agreement.

The need to keep secret the fact of cooperation between the Parties or other information about the cooperation must be notified in advance by one Party to other Party and (or) mentioned in contracts concluded by the Parties in the framework of present Agreement.

Any transmitted information is protected according to the states legislation of the States of the Parties.

If necessary, the admission of representatives of the Parties to the military facilities or to the enterprises of the military-industrial establishment is carried out in the order established by the legislation of the States of the Parties.

The order of exchanging and protecting of information, which is the state secret of the Republic of Cyprus and the Russian Federation, and also another classified information is defined by the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Russian Federation of mutual protection of classified information from April 4, 2014.

Article 8

Representatives of each Party during mutual visits in frame of present Agreement comply with the laws of the host state, as well as respect and for the traditions and customs of the host country.