**NOTE OF JOINING**

 **FOR**

**THE Minister of Defence of the**

**French Republic**

**TO PARTICIPATE IN THE**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

 **AMONG**

 **THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE**

**REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**

**The Ministry of Defence of the**

**Republic of Estonia**

**The Federal Ministry of Defence of the**

**Federal Republic of Germany**

**The Ministry of Defence of the**

**Italian Republic**

**The Ministry of National Defence of the**

**Republic of Lithuania**

**THE MinistRY of Defence OF the**

**Kingdom of the Netherlands**

**The Minister of National Defence of the**

**Republic of Poland**

**The Ministry of Defence of the**

**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

**CONCERNING
THE ESTABLISHMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF
THE NATO STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

**The Minister of Defence of the French Republic**

HAVING DECIDED to broaden its participation in NATO's overall strategic communications transformation efforts; and

DESIRING to join the current Participants of the NATO StratCom COE as of 1 January 2017 and providing the personnel for the post No.OS004 (Staff officer at the Operational Support Branch).

ELECTS to participate as of 1 January 2017 in the Memorandum of Understanding among the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia, the Federal Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Ministry of Defence of the Italian Republic, the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Poland, the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the Establishment, Administration and Operation of the NATO StratCom COE, which came into effect on 1 July 2014 (NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU).

AGREES to contribute its share to the annual budget starting with fiscal year 2017.

AGREES to abide by Technical Arrangement between the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia, The Federal Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany, The Ministry of Defence of the Italian Republic, The Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, The Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Poland and The Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding the contributions of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland to the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence.

*Although recognizing that the Participants to the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU and NATO StratCom COE Functional MOU do not intend to create any rights or obligations under international law, French Republic will nevertheless abide by it and insists that the provisions of the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU, NATO StratCom COE Functional MOU and this Note of Joining be respected by all the Participants.*

**For the Minister of Defence of the French Republic**

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Place/Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia, the Federal Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Ministry of Defence of the Italian Republic, the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Poland, the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the Participants to the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU;

WELCOMING the expressed commitment by the Minister of Defence of the French Republic;

AGREE with the Minister of Defence of the French Republic joining them as a Participant to the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU under the terms outlined in this Note of Joining;

AGREE to consider that this Note of Joining supplements the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU.

This Note of Joining will only be effective for the new Participant if it also signs a Note of Joining to the NATO StratCom COE Functional MOU.

This Note of Joining is signed in one original and in the English language. It constitutes an amendment to the NATO StratCom COE's Operational MOU and, as such, will be duly recorded in the NATO StratCom COE's Operational MOU Record of change.

The original document will be deposited with the Republic of Latvia**,** which will provide certified copies to all Participants to the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU, the Joining Nation, the NATO StratCom COE itself, as well as HQ SACT.

**For the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia:**

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**For the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia:**

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**For the Federal Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany:**

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**For the Ministry of Defence of the Italian Republic:**

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**For the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania:**

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**For the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands:**

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**For the Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Poland:**

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**For the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

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