**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**

**AND**

**HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER TRANSFORMATION**

**CONCERNING**

**THE FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP REGARDING**

**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

CONSIDERING its participation in the NATO StratCom COE, located in Republic of Latvia as a Sponsoring Nation as agreed in the Note of Joining 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 StratCom COE signed on 1 July 2014 (NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU);

ELECTS 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, as well as Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation concerning the Functional Relationship regarding the NATO StratCom COE, which came into effect on 1 July 2014 (NATO StratCom COE Functional MOU).

*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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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 well as Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, as the Participants to the NATO StratCom COE Functional 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 Functional MOU under the terms outlined in this Note of Joining.

This Note of Joining is signed in one original and in the English language. The original document will be deposited with HQ SACT, which will provide certified copies to all Participants to the NATO StratCom COE Functional MOU, as well as to the NATO StratCom COE itself and the Joining Nation. This joining will be duly recorded in the NATO StratCom COE's Functional MOU Record of Change.

**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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**For the Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation:**

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| Appointment : Supreme Allied Commander Transformation | | |  |
| Place/Date: | Norfolk, United States of America, | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Aizsardzības ministrs R.Bergmanis

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