**NOTE OF JOINING**

 **FOR**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL DEFENCE OF CANADA**

**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 Department of the National Defence of Canada

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

DESIRING to join the current Participants of the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence (NATO StratCom COE) as of 1 January 2018 and providing the personnel for the post No. OS005 (Strategic Communications Senior Staff Officer with the Operational Support Branch).

ELECTS to participate as of 1 January 2018 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).

DECIDES to contribute its share to the annual budget starting with fiscal year 2018.

DECIDES to respect the

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 Minister 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, as revised on 8 March, 2017 and the

Technical Arrangement between the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency 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 Minister of National Defence of the Poland, the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands regarding contributions of the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency to the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence.

NOTING THAT without prejudice to rights and obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty, Agreement among the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces (NATO SOFA) and the Protocol on the Status of International Military Headquarters set up pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty (Paris Protocol), the Department of National Defence of Canada understands that neither the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU, nor Department of National Defence of Canada joining thereto, creates any rights or obligations under international law, that neither is eligible for registration under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, nor is either a treaty within the meaning of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. The Department of National Defence of Canada nevertheless intends to respect the provisions of the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU and insists that they be respected by all Participants.

**For the Department of the National Defence of Canada**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Appointment: National Liaison Representative of Canada to NATO Supreme Allied Command Transformation

Place/Date: Norfolk, United States of America, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 responsibility by the Department of the National Defence of Canada,

ACCEPT the joining of the Department of the National Defence of Canada, as a Participant to the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU under the provisions outlined in this Note of Joining;

DECIDE 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 Participant, the NATO StratCom COE itself, as well as HQ SACT.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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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