**NOTE OF JOINING**

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF 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 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**

**AS WELL AS**

**HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER TRANSFORMATION**

**CONCERNING**

**THE FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP REGARDING 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

CONSIDERING its participation in the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence (NATO StratCom COE), located in the Republic of Latvia as a Sponsoring Nation as set out 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 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 concerning the Establishment, Administration and Operation of the NATO StratCom COE signed on 01 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 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, as well as Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, concerning the Functional Relationship regarding the NATO StratCom COE, which came into effect on 01 July 2014 (NATO StratCom COE Functional MoU) .

NOTING THAT without prejudice to rights and obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty, the 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 Functional MOU, nor Department`s 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 Functional MOU and insists that they be respected by all Participants.

**For the Department of 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 Republic of Latvia as a Sponsoring Nation as set out 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 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, as well as Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, as the Participants to the NATO StratCom COE Functional MOU,

WELCOMING the expressed responsibility by the Department of National Defence of Canada;

ACCEPT the Department of National Defence of Canada joining them as a Participant to the NATO StratCom COE Functional MOU under the provisions outlined in this Note of Joining.

The Note of Joining will come into effect on the date on which the last signature is appended to it, or to the Note of Joining for the Department of National Defence of Canada to participate to the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU.

This Note of Joining is signed in one original and in the English language. The original document will be deposited with Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation 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 Participant. 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:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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