**NOTE OF JOINING**

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**TO PARTICIPATE IN THE**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**AMONG**

**THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE**

**REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OF**

**CANADA**

**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**

**SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

**AND**

**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 Defense of the United States of America**

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

DESIRING to join the current Participants in the NATO StratCom COE as of fiscal year 2020 and providing the personnel for post No DCE 007 (Staff Officer at the Doctrine, Concept, and Experimentation Branch).

ELECTS to participate as of January 1, 2020 in the Memorandum of Understanding among the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, the Department of National Defence of Canada, 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 Slovak Republic 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, which came into effect on 1 July 2014 (NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU).

INTENDS to contribute its share to the annual budget starting with fiscal year 2020.

INTENDS to abide by all subsequent agreements and arrangements to the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU concluded until the date of entry into effect of this Note of Joining, listed as follows:

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

For the **Department of Defense of the United States of America**

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The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, the Department of National Defence of Canada, 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 Slovak Republic and 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 **Department of Defense of the United States of America**.

ENDEAVOURS with the **Department of Defense of the United States of America** joining them as a Participant to the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU under the provisions outlined in this Note of Joining.

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

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

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

The original document is to be deposited with the Republic of Latvia**,** which is to provide certified copies to all Participants to the NATO StratCom COE Operational MOU, the Joining Nation, the NATO StratCom COE itself, as well as Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation.

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

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Place/Date

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

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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 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

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