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A Military Cooperation Protocol

Between

The Ministry of Defense of

The Arab Republic of Egypt

And

The Ministry of Defense of

The Republic of Sierra Leon

The Ministry of Defense of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Sierra Leon hereinafter referred to collectively as the (Parties) and individually as the (Party);

Recognizing the existing mutual relations between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of Sierra Leon;

Emphasizing the need to support and consolidate bilateral relation between the Parties through the existing military cooperation based on mutual respect and non-interference in the internal affairs of the Parties and having particular regard to the Charter of the United Nation, acting in accordance with the national policies and the legislations of the Parties,

The Parties agreed on the following:

Article (1)

Purpose

- 1- The Parties shall encourage and enhance cooperation in the military field through establishing fundamental bases of that cooperation as consistent with the national legislations of the Parties according to the principles of equality and mutual benefit taking into consideration their international commitments.
- 2- Establishment of the military cooperation between the Parties based on full mutual respect of their national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity thereof.
- 3- This protocol shall neither affect the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from bilateral or multilateral agreements nor the right of any of the Parties to conclude similar agreements with third parties.

Article (2)

Fields of Cooperation

The Parties shall achieve cooperation on the following fields:

- 1- Military training and education.
- 2- Military cooperation between the Armed Forces.

- 3- Logistics services.
- 4- The exchange of experts, technicians and professionals in different military fields under this Protocol.
- 5- The scientific and technological fields.
- 6- The electronic systems, information technology and communications.
- 7- Cooperation in the field of military medicine.
- 8- Military Industries.
- 9- Military Media.
- 10- Exchanging the activities in the sports, culture and social domains.
- 11- Cooperation with the Egyptian Armed Forces National Services Projects Organization (NSPO) in the relevant economic activities.
- 12- Other fields of cooperation to be agreed upon within the framework of implementing this Protocol.

Article (3)

Principles of Implementation

- 1- Contracts and executive agreements as well as separate annexes shall be formulated for the activities agreed upon by the Parties in order to achieve the cooperation in the abovementioned fields, and identify in detail the financial and legal obligations of the Parties. Such contracts and agreements as well as the separate annexes shall be deemed an integral part of this Cooperation Protocol and governed by the same Protocol provisions applied herein unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties.
- 2- The Parties shall develop an annual plan for the implementation of the joint activities pursuant to this Protocol.
- 3- The Cooperation shall be enhanced between the Parties through exchanging visits at all levels.

Article (4)

The Joint Committee

- 1- A joint committee shall be established; (hereinafter referred to as the Committee), consists of an equal number of representatives of the Parties, in order to implement the provisions of this Protocol and achieve the goals hereof.
- 2- After holding the first meeting of the Committee, the Parties shall agree on determining the points of contact which shall be responsible for organizing and coordinating the activities of the committee.
- 3- The functions of the Committee shall be identified as follows:
 - A- Identifying the main fields of cooperation pursuant to Article (2) of this Protocol.
 - B- Identifying the projects that are not agreed upon, defining the appropriate patterns of cooperation and the methods of implementing such patterns.
 - C- Exchanging information in order to achieve the proposed cooperation through the implementation of the joint programs.
 - D- Providing proposals, perspectives and recommendations to the competent authorities on the participation of a third party in joint projects.
 - E- Emphasizing on the preparation of necessary documents for implementing projects and decision which shall be agreed upon.
 - F- Periodic supervisions for implementing projects and decisions agreed upon.
 - G- Assessing the implementation of this Protocol and negotiating over the proposals related to the amendments being carried out according to this Protocol during every meeting held between the Parties.

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- H- The Committee shall be held alternatively, upon the agreement of the Parties, in the Republic of Sierra Leon and the Arab Republic of Egypt. If necessary, additional emergency meetings shall be convened.
- I- Official invitations of the participation in the activities shall be sent by the head of the Hosting Party two (2) months at least before the proposed date.
- J- All subjects included in the Committee's agenda shall be prepared and coordinated at least thirty (30) days prior to meeting. Heads of delegations shall inform each other of the topics and issues to be included in the committee's agenda through the competent office of each Party.

Article (5)

Protection of Information, Classified Data

and Information Security

- 1- The Parties shall use the mutually exchanged information and documents within the framework of implementation the Military Cooperation Protocol and maintain the confidentiality of the information and shall not disclose such information to a third party without a written consent from the other party.
- 2- The Parties shall not use or disclose the classified information, documents and materials, in any form, exchanged between the Parties within the framework of implementation the Military Cooperation Protocol without a written consent from the other party.
- 3- The Parties shall adhere to the same classification of the exchanged classified information, documents and materials. The Parties shall take the necessary security measures. The Parties shall be committed to use, transfer, archive, and handle classified information, documents and materials in accordance with appropriate security laws and arrangements.

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- 4- Only the authorized personnel of the Parties are entitled to access classified information, documents and materials exchanged under this Protocol, which are only used for official purposes. Such personnel shall be granted an adequate official clearance upon mutual agreement of the Parties.
- 5- This article shall remain in force during the implementation of this Military Cooperation Protocol, and shall extend after termination thereof. This commitment shall include the personnel of the Parties and any of their affiliates participating in the implementation of this Protocol.
- 6- The military personnel of the Sending Party are not authorized to participate in any activities not included herein, or engage in any political activities on the territories of the Receiving Party.
- 7- The Parties shall abide by the instructions relevant to the security of facilities, personnel, information and data in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Receiving Party. Each Party shall also bear the responsibility of protecting the exchanged information and shall notify the other Party in case of any loss or leakage any of such information.

Article (6)

Expenses

- 1- Unless otherwise agreed, each Party shall bear the respective expenses related to this Protocol based on the case-by-case basis.
- 2- In all cases, the Receiving Party shall bear the following:
 - A- Internal transportation of the delegations from the point of arrival to the point of planned activities; in addition, the accommodation, catering, and any cultural activities to be organized.

- B- Emergencies including being admitted to the hospital.
 - C- The expenses related to the training of the specialized activities, if stipulated in bilateral agreements between the Parties.
- 3- In all cases, the Sending Party shall bear the travelling expense (round trip) for implementing planned activities and any cultural activities to be organized.

Article (7)

Jurisdiction

- 1- The personnel of the Sending Party shall respect the applicable laws, rules, and regulations during their stay on the territories of the Receiving Party, based on mutual respect and non-interference in each other's internal affairs. The abovementioned personnel shall not carry out any activities that may affect on the security and integrity of the other Party.
- 2- The personnel of the Sending Party shall be subject to the criminal laws of the Receiving Party during their existence on the territory of the Receiving Party.
- 3- In case of the personnel of the Sending Party violate the military discipline on the territories of the Receiving Party; the competent authorities of the Sending Party shall take the appropriate measures in accordance with the military laws and regulations of the Sending Party.

Article (8)

Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this Protocol shall be settled through consultation and negotiation between the Parties without resorting to a third Party or any domestic or international jurisdiction.

Article (9)

Entry into Force


- 1- This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the Parties' representatives and shall remain effective for three (3) years and automatically renewed for further periods unless otherwise a Party desires to terminate it and this shall be done by notifying the other Party in written notification at least three (3) months in advance from the date of termination .
- 2- Each Party may request to amend any of the provisions of this Protocol upon a written request sent to the other Party. Such amendment shall not enter into force without a written approval.
- 3- Commitments of the Parties arising from this Protocol shall survive the termination hereof.
- 4- In case of termination of this Protocol, existing projects under this Protocol shall continue until the completion thereof unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties.

Done in Cairo on 05/9/2023 in two original copies in (Arabic and English) languages, both texts being equally authentic, in case of any divergence in the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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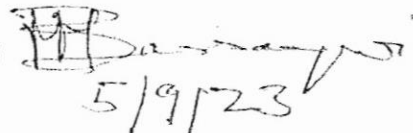
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