**TRAINING SUPPORT ARRANGEMENT (TSA)**

**BETWEEN**

**MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA**

**AND**

**UNITED STATES ARMY EUROPE AND AFRICA (USAREUR-AF)**

**REGARDING**

**TRAINING AND EXERCISES**

**AT DESIGNATED TRAINING AREAS**

**IN THE TERRITORY OF**

**THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Slovenia and United States Army Europe and Africa (USAREUR-AF), hereinafter referred to as Participants, in consideration of:

Having in mind the goals of promoting stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area expressed in the preamble to the North Atlantic Treaty (Washington D.C., 4 April 1949), and in implementation of the joint resolution by their Nations to unite their efforts for collective defense and for the preservation of peace and security;

The Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces (NATO SOFA), done at London on 19 June 1951, hereinafter referred to as the “NATO SOFA”;

Recognizing the applicability of the Security agreement between the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Slovenia and Department of Defense of the United States of America concerning security measures for the protection of classified military information (Security Agreement for Classified Military Information), signed at Washington May 8, 1996 and entered into force June 27, 1997;

Agreement of 3 August 1959, as Amended by the Agreements of 21 October 1971, 18 May 1981, and 18 March 1993, to Supplement the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces with respect to Foreign Forces stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany (Revised Supplementary Agreement) (effective 29 March 1998);

The provisions of the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Slovenia on cooperation in the field of Defense, concluded with the exchange of diplomatic notes, dated 14 August 2013 and 26 March 2014;

The provisions of Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (USA-SVN-02) between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of Republic of Slovenia and the, signed December 10, 2014, hereinafter referred to as the “ACSA”;

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Slovenia and the United States Army Europe, SUBJECT: Transportation, Storage, Maintenance, and Intended Use Five (5) Slovenian M-84 Main Battle Tanks and one (1) T-55 Series Recovery Vehicle at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Hohenfels, the Federal Republic of Germany, which entered into effect on 14 September 2020 and Amendment No. 1 to The Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Slovenia and the United States Army Europe, which entered into effect on 11 March 2022;

The applicability of other valid bilateral agreements between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany as well as between the United States of America and the Republic of Slovenia insofar as their agreements may impact the rights and responsibilities of training Participants;

The applicability of the bilateral agreements entered into between the Republic of Slovenia and the Federal Republic of Germany to the responsibilities of Slovenian Armed Forces participating in training events and exercises within the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany;

Understanding that this Training Support Arrangement (TSA) does not create any rights or obligations under international law that do not already exist and that, while no conflict between this TSA and national or international law is intended, should such a conflict nevertheless arise, the national or international law prevails; and,

Having regard for the aims and objectives of Training and Exercises (T&E) conducted by United States Forces and Slovenian Armed Forces at Grafenwoehr Training Area and/or Hohenfels Training Area in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany, have come to the following understanding:

**SECTION 1**

**DEFINITIONS**

1.1. The following definitions apply throughout this TSA, Annexes, and its Appendices:

* **Receiving Force (RF):** the United States Army Europe and Africa (USAREUR-AF);
* **Host Nation (HN):** Federal Republic of Germany;
* **Sending Force (SF):** Participating units and personnel of the Slovenian Armed Forces;
* **Host Nation Support (HNS):** Logistical support provided to SF by the HN;
* **Participants:** The Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Slovenia and USAREUR-AF;
* **Operations or Other Annexes:** Annexes to this TSA are documents that include substantive details for specific exercise activities. In practice, Annexes do not require additional participant signatures;
* **Appendices:** Anticipated details of the exercise that may be helpful to individuals planning and executing the exercise, but includes non-substantive information and does not require additional signature. Appendices as required should be attached to each Operations Annex;
* **Designated Training Areas (DTAs):** 7th Army Training Command’s (7ATC) Grafenwoehr Training Area (GTA) and/or Hohenfels Training Area (HTA).

**SECTION 2**

**PURPOSE**

2.1. The purpose of this TSA is to establish the general principles and procedures for conducting Training and Events (T&Es) at DTAs. Subject to the aforementioned agreements, this TSA outlines the procedures for SF’s arrival to, participation in, and departure from T&Es at DTAs.

2.2. This TSA is applicable only to T&Es conducted at DTAs.

2.3. T&Es are subject to availability of funds and forces of RF and SF.

**SECTION 3**

**ENTRY AND EXIT**

3.1. Entry and exit of SF personnel into HN should be conducted in accordance with the NATO SOFA and any relevant international agreements between HN and the Republic of Slovenia. SF is expected to ensure compliance with HN procedures prior to entry into the territory of HN.

3.2. Entry and exit may be done by air, sea, railway and ground transport as permitted under applicable HN law.

3.3. SF is expected to coordinate directly with the RF regarding entry and exit of SF personnel onto DTAs.

**SECTION 4**

**UNIFORM and WEAPONS**

SF personnel may wear uniforms and carry arms in accordance with NATO SOFA within the DTAs.

**SECTION 5**

**MEDICAL SUPPORT**

5.1. Medical support may be provided to the SF in accordance with the NATO SOFA and other applicable agreements. SF is expected to be financially responsible for the payment of medical care and other services, to include emergency medical evacuation provided by civilian medical facilities. SF is expected to coordinate and pay for strategic medical evacuation of SF personnel, should it become necessary.

5.2. Prior to arrival to HN territory, all SF personnel present in HN territory under this arrangement should have valid health insurance to cover the cost of required medical treatment that may occur.

**SECTION 6**

**CLAIMS**

Third party claims arising out of or in connection with T&Es should be processed in accordance with the NATO SOFA and are subject to relevant agreements between and among the SF, the HN, and the RF.

**SECTION 7**

**FORCE PROTECTION AND SECURITY**

The RF intends to cooperate with the SF and HN in order to support force protection measures that safeguard the security of the sending SF, RF and Host Nation’s personnel, property and equipment within the DTAs. Measures should be undertaken in accordance with the NATO SOFA.

**SECTION 8**

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

8.1. Any provision of Logistical Support, Supplies, and Services (LSSS) by one Participant to the other should be in accordance with the existing ACSA.

8.2. Taxes and fees are governed in accordance with NATO SOFA and other applicable agreements.

8.3. All activities under this TSA are subject to availability of funds and forces of RF and SF.

**SECTION 9**

**EFFECTIVE DATE, MODIFICATION,
AND DISCONTINUATION**

9.1. This TSA becomes effective upon the date of the last signature and remains in effect until either Participant discontinues this TSA.

9.2. This TSA is not a treaty and does not give rise to international legal rights or obligations.

9.3. This TSA may be modified by the mutual written consent of the Participants. Such modifications will become effective upon the date of the last signature.

9.4. The addition, modification, or deletion of an Annex or Appendix does not change the purpose and effect of this TSA. In the event of conflict between the TSA and an Annex or Appendix, the TSA prevails.

9.5. If any term in this TSA conflicts with any international agreement or the respective national laws of the Participants, the terms of the conflicting agreement or law is to prevail.

9.6. This TSA may be discontinued by mutual written consent of the Participants or by either Participant giving a six month written notice to the other Participant.

9.7. Done in two original copies in the English language.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF FOR UNITED STATES ARMY EUROPE

THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA: AND AFRICA:

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