**TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

**OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

**OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**REPRESENTED BY**

**THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SANDHURST (RMAS)**

**CONCERNING**

**ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OF THE OFFICER CADETS OF THE SLOVENIAN OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL (SOCS) DURING
EXERCISE DYNAMIC VICTORY,**

**NOVEMBER 2023**

In order to demonstrate a proof of concept for On-the-Job Training (OJT) of Slovenian Officer Cadets in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia and the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, represented by the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”),

with regard to the

Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Contacts and Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland signed in London on 1 February 1995,

Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the conduct of military exercises and training and the provision of Host Nation Support, signed in Ljubljana on 30 June 2004, and

Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces (NATO SOFA), done at London on 19 June 1951,

have agreed as follows:

**Section 1**

**Definitions of terms and Abbreviations**

For purposes of this Technical Arrangement between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia and the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, represented by the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS), the on-the-job training of cadets (hereinafter referred to as “the Technical Agreement”) comprises terms and abbreviations defined as follows:

* 1. “Slovenian personnel”: cadets/trainees and enabling Staff of the Slovenian Armed Forces participating in the internship.
* 2. “Platoon”: a formed body of the Slovenian Cadets within a resourced Platoon structure.
* 3. SOCS: the Slovenian Officer Cadets School.
* 4. The Host Nation: the Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
* 5. OJT: a bi-lateral proof of concept training arrangement for SOCS cadets, to be conducted by predetermined defence units of the Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and will focus on training platoon leaders up to sub-unit level to increase their leadership skills, self-awareness and enhance English language training, personality development and widen their knowledge of international affairs.
* 6. Host Nation Support (HNS): the civil and military assistance rendered by the Host Nation to the Slovenian personnel participating in Exercise Dynamic Victory in November 2023.

**Section 2**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Technical Arrangement is to define mutual relations, responsibilities of the Participants, and to define conditions for the Slovenian personnel participating in the training.

**Section 3**

**Place and time of exercises**

1. Training will be conducted at Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels Training Areas (GTA and HTA, hereinafter referred to as the “Training Unit”).

2. Training activities will be held from 15-25 November 2023 in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany and with the personnel from RMAS for coordination/evaluation purposes.

**Section 4**

**Legal Aspects**

1. The legal status of the Slovenian personnel will be governed by the NATO SOFA.

2. The Slovenian personnel will respect the legal order of the Host Nation (under the auspices of which the training will be conducted), the Federal Republic of Germany (the country in which the training will be conducted), and the United States of America (on whose training areas the training will be conducted).

3. This Technical Arrangement does not create any rights and obligations under international law.

**Section 5**

**Authorisation to wear a Military Uniform**

The Slovenian personnel are authorised to wear their national military uniform in the Federal Republic of Germany.

**Section 6**

**Transport and Provision of Information**

1. Transport of the Slovenian personnel from the Republic of Slovenia to the training unit and back is provided by the Slovenian Participant at its own expense.

2. The SOCS will provide the Host Nation Point of Contact with a list of the Slovenian personnel (their first name, surname, rank, current assignment, passport number) no later than thirty (30) days before crossing the border to the Federal Republic of Germany.

3. The Slovenian Participant will arrange the necessary diplomatic clearance for the movement of the Slovenian personnel through other countries to and from the Exercise, including necessary permissions for the transit of Arms and their use within GTA and HTA.

4. The Slovenian Participant, supported by the Host Nation, will arrange the necessary waiver with US Forces controlling the Training Unit to allow their troops to be transported in US Aviation platforms. This waiver forms part of the 120 Day Letter and will be incorporated into the wider Exercise agreement between RMAS and the Training Unit.

5. The Slovenian Participant will arrange the necessary waiver to allow its personnel to be transported in UK Military Transportation for the duration of the Exercise.

6. The Host Nation will arrange the necessary permissions with US Forces controlling the Training Unit to allow the use of their weapons within the confines of the Training Unit.

**Section 7**

**Medical and Dental Care**

1. The Host Nation will provide the Slovenian personnel with adequate medical and dental care under the same conditions as those applying to comparable personnel (Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Officer Cadets) of the Host Nation.

2. The Slovenian Participant will provide Slovenian personnel with adequate insurance cover for medical and dental expenses incurred during their stay in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany for the purpose of the OJT, before Slovenian personnel arrives to the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany.

3. Any use of medical and dental resources will be charged, in arrears, to the Slovenian Participant on an ‘as used’ basis. Note that any use of US Medical and Dental resources (dependant on severity[[1]](#footnote-2)) will be billed to the Host nation by the US holders of the Training Unit, and the Host nation will, in turn, pass the charges on to the Slovenian Participant.

4. The Slovenian Participant will make provision at its own expense for any of its personnel to be extracted back to the Republic of Slovenia for any compassionate reasons. The resources apportioned to this must not detract from the day-to-day support to the cadets remaining on exercise beyond a temporary basis.

5. In the case of an extended stay in hospital in the Federal Republic of Germany beyond the window of the OJT, the Slovenian Participant will liaise directly with 7ATC and the German Medical chain to enable recovery of the casualty back to the Republic of Slovenia. The timing of the Host Nation handover of the Slovenian personnel will be judged on the ground.

**Section 8**

**Death and Transport of Remains**

1. In case of death of a member of the Slovenian personnel in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany, the death will be immediately reported to the relevant authority of the Federal Republic of Germany.
2. The death will be certified by an authorized doctor of the Federal Republic of Germany.
3. If the appropriate authority of the Federal Republic of Germany requires that an autopsy is carried out on the deceased, this will be done by authorized doctor of the Federal Republic of Germany. A doctor appointed by the authorities of the Republic of Slovenia may also attend the autopsy, which will take place at a time and location stipulated by the appropriate authority of the Federal Republic of Germany.
4. Medical proceedings, the autopsy and transport of the remains will be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Republic of Germany.
5. The Slovenian Participant will defray all costs related to the transport of the remains and personal belongings of the deceased to the Republic of Slovenia.
6. The Host Nation will provide the Slovenian Participant with the cooperation necessary to fulfil the obligations of paragraph 5.

**Section 9**

**Discipline**

The maintenance of military order and discipline will comply with the appropriate provisions of the NATO SOFA.

**Section 10**

**Liability for Damages**

1. Investigation and compensation of any damage that arises during the OJT will be settled in accordance with the NATO SOFA.

2. Investigation and compensation of any damage, which is not covered by the provisions of the NATO SOFA, will be settled in accordance with the national and international laws and regulations applicable to the Participants.

**Section 11**

**Financing and Logistic Support**

1. Expenses related to the OJT in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany will be covered by the Host Nation unless otherwise stated in the Technical Arrangement regulations.

2. The Host Nation provides the following HNS to the Slovenian personnel free of charge:

a) Communications and Information systems as detailed in Annex D.

b) Access to transportation as detailed in Annex E.

c) A waiver to allow use of the Slovenian Blank Firing Attachment (BFA)[[2]](#footnote-3) in proximity to UK Officer Cadets.

3. The Host Nation provides the following HNS to the Slovenian personnel for the duration of the OJT, which will be chargeable to the Slovenian Participant in arrears:

a) General provisions as detailed in Annex A.

b) Rationing as detailed in Annex B.

c) Accommodation and Facilities as mentioned in Annex C.

d) Financial provision as detailed in Annex F.

4. The Slovenian Participant will provide the following for its personnel at its expense:

a) Transportation of the Slovenian personnel from the Republic of Slovenia to the training unit and back

b) Documents required by the authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany for the entry into and exit from its territory, and documents required by the authorities of GTA and HTA for the entry into and exit from its training Unit.

c) Appropriate conveyance of equipment and goods necessary for the OJT in accordance with the legislation of the Federal Republic of Germany.

d) Weapons (FN2000S 5.56mm Assault Rifle, FN Minimi 5.56mm LMG, Pistol Flare)[[3]](#footnote-4).

e) Tactical radios for internal platoon communication.

f) 4x4 vehicles for instructors[[4]](#footnote-5).

g) All blank ammunition.

f) A waiver to allow Slovenian pax to move in US Aviation.

g) A waiver to allow Slovenian pax to move in UK Troop Carrying Vehicles.

5. The Host Nation will arrange the necessary permissions for a Slovenian Logistical support ISO container to be ground-dumped within the confines of The Training Unit.

6. SOCS are responsible from the movement and delivery of any ISO container(s) to and from the Training Unit. The Host Nation will assist any container movement during the exercise if their lift capability is suitable[[5]](#footnote-6).

**Section 12**

**Exchange and Provision of Information**

The complete documentation and telecommunications network operation (exchange of voice and fax data and other information) will not contain classified information.

**Section 13**

**Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or execution of this Technical Arrangement will be resolved solely by negotiation between the Participants.

**Section 14**

**Final Provisions**

1. This Technical Arrangement will come into effect on the date of the last signature.

2. This Technical Arrangement will expire on the last day of the OJT in accordance with Section 3, paragraph 2.

3. The Participants can amend, supplement or annul this Technical Arrangement based on mutual agreement in the form of a written supplement, which is an inseparable part of this Technical Arrangement.

4. The termination of this Technical Arrangement will not influence the settlement of those commitments which have arisen for the Participants in connection with their execution.

5. The Technical Arrangement is signed in two originals each of which is in English.

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ANNEX A TO TA for OJT 2023

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Host Nation will provide accommodation in barracks where applicable, service transport and combat training resources required for conducting the OJT 2023 at cost to SOCS of the following:

 a) GTA Accommodation: $8USD per person per night.

 b) HTA Exercise Area: $2USD per person per night.

 c) Combat Training Resources.

 1) Use of DICE[[6]](#footnote-7).

 2) Generator Fuel.

 3) Prac Grenade, Noise Sim and pyrotechnics[[7]](#footnote-8).

 4) Electricity.

2. Concerning resources used in addition to those provisions listed in Paragraph 1 above, then where the cost of resources can be specifically calculated (i.e. on the basis of individual use, or for a specific resource being required), the Host Nation will do so and bill SOCS accordingly. Where the cost of resources cannot be calculated, then the cost will be billed to SOCS on a pro-rata basis.

2. The use of Training Ranges and the conduct of the training activities will be done in accordance with the ascertained safety rules and regulations in compliance with the Host Nation legislation and the rules valid in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Slovenia.

3. The Training Unit will provide the Slovenian personnel with topographic maps of the Training Areas at nil cost.

4. The cost of repairs for any extraordinary damages caused by the Slovenian personnel will be paid by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland unless negligence is found on the part of SOCS.

 ANNEX B TO TA for OJT 2023

**RATIONING**

1. The Host Nation will provide fresh rations and ration packs when in the field for the duration of the activity to the same standard as provided to their soldiers of equivalent rank, cost covered by SOCS. Note that the total number of Field Rations required by each cadet is 7 (seven) days.

2. The Host Nation will provide the Slovenian personnel with potable water and non-potable water as required at cost to SOCS on a pro-rata basis.

 ANNEX C TO TA for OJT 2023

**ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES**

1. Accommodation (including washing facilities) where applicable for the Slovenian personnel will be in the barracks of the Training Unit and will be provided at a fixed chargeable cost to the SOCS.

2. The accommodation of Slovenian instructors and visitors in such hotels as may be identified by the Host Nation or otherwise selected is the responsibility of the SOCS.

 ANNEX D TO TA for OJT 2023

**COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

1. Where resources, practicalities and UKEO security considerations allow, the Training Unit will, for exercise purposes, make tactical radios from platoon level and up available to the Slovenian personnel as requested at nil cost.

2. Should resources, practicalities and UKEO security considerations not allow, then it is likely that the Host Nation will provide 1-2 OCdts with UK CNR as a Bowman Link Detachment.

3. The Host Nation will include the Slovenian Platoon as part of its communications plan.

ANNEX E TO TA for OJT 2023

 **TRANSPORTATION**

1. The SOCS training personnel will deploy with instructor and administrative vehicles, but without Troop Carrying Vehicles (TCVs). The Training Unit will provide the Slovenian personnel with appropriate service transport during the tactical activity of the OJT programme 2023, cost covered by SOCS.

2. Slovenian personnel possessing a valid driver‘s licence may drive United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland military vehicles after having received training on the specific type of vehicle according to United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland military regulations and according to United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Federal Republic of Germany safety regulations. This training is the responsibility of SOCS.

3. SOCS will provide evidence that their own training personnel are permitted to be transported by UK pattern Troop Carrying Vehicles (by means of a waiver). The Host Nation will ensure that all TCV drivers are possessing the requisite qualifications and experience (as required when transporting the Host Nation OCdts).

4. SOCS will provide evidence that their own training personnel are permitted to be transported by US Aviation platforms (by means of a waiver).

 ANNEX F TO TA for OJT 2023

 **FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Host Nation will submit to the Slovenian Participant the financial documentation for reimbursement within sixty days after the end of the OJT 2023 Programme. After the exchange any financial documents outstanding should be sent to:

 Šola za častnike

 Engelsova 15

 2000 Maribor

 SLOVENIA

 damijan.korpic@mors.si

 +386 (0)2 449 5387

*2.* Payment will be made no later than thirty days after the receipt of invoice.

3. Claims related to the damage of civilian property and road traffic accidents that occur overseas should be addressed as in paragraph 1.

4. The exchange rate used to calculate any and all charges will be based on the NATO SOFA.

5. Any enquiries from the Sending Nation to Host Nation are to be addressed to:

 SO2 G7 Training Tactics, Doctrine and Leadership

RMAS Group Headquarters

Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

CAMBERLEY

Surrey

GU15 4PQ

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1. Categorised as following: The US Med Chain will respond and handle threats to Life, Limb and Eyesight. For all other injuries, the medical responsibility will be that of the Federal Republic of Germany. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. This waiver provisions for the lack of a ‘bullet catching’ capability that is incorporated in the design of the UK BFA but not that of the Slovenian BFA. Note that this waiver exists already as provision for American personnel playing Enemy Forces on the Exercise using US pattern weapons (M4). It is signed at 2\* level (GOC ARITC). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. The Republic of Slovenia will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of their own weapon systems. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. The Republic of Slovenia will be responsible for the recovery of these vehicles in the event of break-down or accident. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. The issue and security of SOCS weapons and ammunition is the responsibility of SOCS. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. **D**eployed **I**nstrumentation **S**ystems **E**urope (US TES System) [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. RMAS will provide training to Slovenian Platoon Staff in the use of these items to ensure safe practice. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)