

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN
REGARDING THE STATUS OF FORCES**

The Austrian Federal Government and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, hereinafter referred to as „the Parties“,

DESIRING to further develop a long-term constructive relationship,

SEEKING to regulate the status of members of their Armed Forces present on the territory of the respective other Party, in particular for the purpose of military training activities,

have agreed as follows:

**Article I
Definitions**

For the purpose of this Agreement, the terms below are to be understood as follows:

- (1) Personnel: Members of the Armed Forces of the Sending Nation on assignment to and performing official duties in the Receiving Nation;
- (2) Sending Nation: The nation deploying Personnel, equipment or supplies on the territory of the Receiving Nation.
- (3) Receiving Nation: The nation receiving on its territory Personnel, equipment or supplies from the Sending Nation.

**Article II
Entry, Exit and Stay**

- (1) The Receiving Nation shall facilitate the entry into the territory of the Receiving Nation as well as the exit from this territory for the Personnel presenting a valid passport and an individual or collective movement order.
- (2) The Personnel are exempt from immigration control, from entry and exit tax as well as from any other charges and requirements related to entry into and exit from the territory of the Receiving Nation, in accordance with the applicable law of the Receiving Nation.
- (3) The Receiving Nation shall lend its full support to the Personnel in the performance of their official duties during their stay in the Receiving Nation and shall endeavour to protect and assist them when required provided that it does not conflict with the interests of the Receiving Nation.

Article III

Import and Export

- (1) The Receiving Nation shall exempt the Personnel from all customs duties, taxes, fees and similar charges related to the import and export of equipment, supplies, provisions and other goods that are imported by the Sending Nation in the framework of this Agreement, with the exception of alcoholic beverages and all kinds of cigarettes in quantities exceeding the usual personal use of the Personnel, and shall ensure prompt customs treatment, in accordance with the applicable law of the Receiving Nation.
- (2) In connection with their official duties, the Personnel are authorised to import arms and military equipment including reasonable quantities of provisions for the exclusive use of the Personnel in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Receiving Nation. The Receiving Nation shall be notified in advance of the quantities and types of the said military equipment; and the Sending Nation shall take the necessary safety measures during transportation, loading and unloading of the equipment.

Article IV

Arms and Uniforms

- (1) The Personnel may possess and carry arms on condition that they are authorised to do so by their orders according to the Receiving Nation's regulations.
- (2) The Personnel shall use arms and ammunition only for training purposes and only at locations specifically designated for this purpose by the Receiving Nation. The Receiving Nation will announce those locations. The Personnel shall transport arms and ammunition separated and secured from unauthorized access.
- (3) Arms and ammunition shall be stored and guarded in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Receiving Nation.
- (4) The Personnel may wear their national military uniform in the performance of official duty, without unnecessary appearance in military clothing on the main roads in front of civilian especially outside official duties.
- (5) Unit insignias on vehicles shall be concealed while moving on main roads.

Article V

Driving Permit

The Receiving Nation shall accept as valid, without a driving test or fee, the driving permit or licence or military driving permit issued by the Sending Nation for the category of vehicle identical to the one for which the driving permit was issued.

Article VI

Discipline and Jurisdiction

- (1) The Sending Nation shall have the right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over its Personnel in relation to offences that are of a solely disciplinary nature.

(2) The Sending Nation shall have the primary right to exercise criminal jurisdiction over its Personnel in relation to offences occurring during the performance of Military Activities:

- a. solely against the security of the Sending Nation;
- b. arising out of an act or omission done in the performance of official duty;
- c. solely against the Personnel or property of the Sending Nation or property of the Personnel of the Sending Nation.

(3) In the event that the Sending Nation does not intend to exercise its primary right to jurisdiction as provided above, the Sending Nation shall notify the Receiving Nation as soon as practicable, upon request of the Receiving Nation and in writing, of its intention to waive its primary right to exercise jurisdiction, and expressing a clear commitment to refrain from exercising any jurisdiction over those particular acts in the future.

(4) The Receiving Nation shall have the right to exercise exclusive criminal jurisdiction over the Personnel of the Sending Nation with respect to offences relating to its security, punishable by its law but not by the law of the Sending Nation. For the purposes of this paragraph "offences relating to its security" means:

- a. treason against the Nation;
- b. sabotage, espionage or violation of any law relating to official secrets of that Nation, or secrets relating to the national defence of that Nation.

(5) The Receiving Nation shall have the primary right to exercise criminal jurisdiction over the Personnel of the Sending Nation for any criminal offences other than those referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article.

(6) In the event that the Receiving Nation does not intend to exercise its primary right to jurisdiction as provided in paragraph 5 of this Article, it shall notify the Sending Nation as soon as practicable, upon request of the Sending Nation and in writing, of its intention to waive its primary right to exercise jurisdiction, and expressing a clear commitment to refrain from exercising any jurisdiction over those particular acts in the future.

(7) A death sentence shall not be carried out by the authorities of the Receiving Nation, if the legislation of the Sending Nation does not provide for such punishment for similar offence.

(8) The Parties shall provide mutual assistance with respect to matters arising in connection to this Article, in particular, in the conduct of inquiries and gathering of evidence, in accordance with applicable law and relevant treaties between the Parties.

(9) In the event of prosecution of Personnel before the courts of the Receiving Nation, the Personnel shall, in particular, have the right:

- a. to be tried within a reasonable time;
- b. to be represented by someone chosen by the Personnel or assisted according to the legal conditions in force in the Receiving Nation;

- c. to receive, if necessary, assistance from a competent interpreter provided by the Receiving Nation throughout the proceedings and the trial;
- d. to communicate with a representative of the embassy of the Sending Nation and, where procedures permit, the presence of that representative at the proceedings;
- e. to be informed, before the hearing, of the charges and evidence against him or her;
- f. to be confronted with the witnesses against him or her;
- g. not to be prosecuted for any act or omission which does not constitute a breach of the law of the Receiving Nation at the time when this act or omission was committed;
- h. in the event of conviction by the courts of the Receiving Nation the authorities of the Receiving Nation may agree on a case-by-case basis to a request from the authorities of the Sending Nation for the Personnel to serve his or her sentence in the Sending Nation if the Sending Nation considers it to be of particular importance.

Article VII

Claims for Damage

- (1) The Parties waive all claims for damage to their property used in the performance of, or in connection with, this Agreement, as well as for injury to or death of their personnel suffered during the performance of their official duties.
- (2) Paragraph 1 does not apply if the damage was caused by gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
- (3) The Receiving Nation shall deal with and settle, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Receiving Nation with respect to claims arising from the activities of its own Armed Forces, any third party claim arising within its territory in connection with any act or omission by the Personnel in the performance of their official duties in connection with this Agreement, which results in injury, death or damage of property. The costs arising from settling such a claim are distributed among both Parties as follows:
 - a. Where the Sending Nation alone is responsible, the amount awarded or adjudged shall be chargeable to the Sending Nation.
 - b. Where both Parties are responsible for the damage, the amount awarded or adjudged shall be distributed among them as a result of mutual consultations.

Article VIII

Medical and Dental Assistance

- (1) The Personnel shall be declared medically and dentally fit before entering the territory of the Receiving Nation.

(2) The Personnel shall receive emergency medical care free of charge at the military medical facilities of the Receiving Nation.

(3) The authorities of the Sending Nation reimburse the authorities of the Receiving Nation the costs for emergency aero medical evacuation as well as for extended medical treatment of its Personnel in civil and local medical facilities, unless the Personnel can make use of international or bilateral agreements concerning medical arrangements or social security in order to reimburse the costs of the above-mentioned treatment.

Article IX Implementing Arrangements

This Agreement may be implemented by further arrangements. Such arrangements may be concluded between the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Austria and the Jordan Armed Forces.

Article X Settlement of Disputes

Disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation and implementation of this Agreement shall be settled by negotiation between them without the possibility of referring the matter to national or international jurisdiction or to third parties.

Article XI Final Provisions

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month after the date of the receipt of the latest written notification by which the Parties have notified each other through diplomatic channels that all national legal requirements necessary for its entry into force have been fulfilled.

(2) This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and will be automatically extended for recurrent periods of one year each.

(3) This Agreement may be amended or supplemented in writing at any time by mutual agreement.

(4) This Agreement may be terminated by either Party through a written notification to the other Party through diplomatic channels. In such case, the Agreement shall expire two months after the date of the receipt of the respective terminating notification.

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