

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
ON DEFENSE COOPERATION**

The Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

Sharing common understanding that mutually beneficial cooperation in the defense field strengthens friendly relations between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Korea, and

Willing to strengthen various forms of cooperation between the Parties in the defense field,

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
Purpose and Principles of Cooperation**

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to develop defense cooperation between the Parties.

2. The Parties shall cooperate in the defense field on the basis of reciprocity principles and in accordance with purposes and principles of the Charter of United Nations, including the principles of sovereignty, equality of states, territorial integrity, non-use of force or threat of force, and non-intervention in the internal affairs of other states, as well as other universally recognized principles and statutes of international law and domestic laws of the states of the Parties.

ARTICLE 2

Areas of Cooperation

The Parties shall cooperate in the following areas:

- a) exchange of views on military-political aspects of global and regional security, development of confidence-building and transparency measures;
- b) exchange of experience on legal issues, related to the military field;
- c) development of relations in the fields of military medicine, military history, military topography, military hydrography and military culture;
- d) exchange of experience and knowledge received in the course of the implementation of peace-keeping activities, and cooperation during peace-keeping operations under the auspices of the United Nations, except for those conducted on the Korean peninsula;
- e) search and rescue operations at sea;
- f) exchange of experience on the issues of military training and education;
- g) exchange of views on conduct of anti-terrorism;
- h) other areas of cooperation in the defense field as mutually agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3

Forms of Cooperation

The areas of cooperation listed in Article 2 shall be implemented by the Parties in the following forms:

- a) reciprocal visits of delegation at all levels;
- b) involvement in military exercises as observers upon the invitation of the other Party; for the multilateral exercises the invitation of observers shall be implemented on the agreement among all the parties participated in the exercises;
- c) working-level meetings of military experts;

- d) exchange of lecturers and instructors, cadets and trainees of military educational establishments;
- e) participation in theoretical and practical training courses, workshops and conferences upon the invitation of the other Party;
- f) training and education of service members;
- g) reciprocal visits of warships and military aircraft upon the invitation of the other Party;
- h) cultural and sports events;
- i) other forms of cooperation in the defense field as mutually agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 4

Competent Authorities and Working Groups

1. Competent authorities of the Parties for the purpose of implementation of this Agreement are:

- For the Russian Party - the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation;
- For the Korean Party - the Ministry of National Defense of the Republic of Korea.

2. For coordination and preparation of defense cooperation events, the Parties' competent authorities may establish working groups. Structure and operating procedures of the working groups shall be determined by the Parties' competent authorities.

ARTICLE 5

Costs

Each Party shall be responsible for the expenses of its representatives, related to their participation in events carried out in accordance with this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 6

Information Protection

1. Any information exchanged under this Agreement, regardless of its form, shall be used exclusively in the purpose of this Agreement. The information obtained by one of the Parties within the framework of cooperation shall not be used to the prejudice to the other Party.

2. The Party shall not transfer the information obtained or mutually generated under implementation of this Agreement, to the third party without prior written consent of the other Party.

3. Exchange and protection of classified military information shall be implemented in accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Korea on the Mutual Protection of Classified Military Information, signed on February 26, 2001.

ARTICLE 7

Intellectual Property Rights

The results of intellectual activity as well as intellectual property utilized and (or) obtained during the implementation of this Agreement shall be legally protected in accordance with the national legislature of the states of the Parties as well as international agreements to which the states are party.

ARTICLE 8

Medical and Dental Assistance

1. Medical and dental assistance to representatives of the sending Party shall be rendered by the host Party in volume and quality equal to one rendered to service members and civilian staff of the host Party and shall be reimbursed by the sending Party.

2. The host Party shall render emergency medical aid to representatives of the sending Party on a free-of-charge basis.

3. On the request of the sending Party, further medical assistance and transportation of a sick person to a medical establishment shall be rendered or implemented by the host Party at the expense of the sending Party.

ARTICLE 9

Amendments

By mutual agreement of the Parties, amendments can be made to the Agreement and shall be executed as separate protocols.

ARTICLE 10

Dispute Settlement

Any disputes arising in the course of implementation and interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled by consultations between the Parties' competent authorities or, if required, through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 11

Implementation of the Agreement

For the purpose of implementation of this Agreement, the Parties may conclude separate arrangements and develop programs in areas of cooperation listed in Article 2 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12

Final Provisions

1. This Agreement shall enter into force 30 days after the last written notification of the completion of domestic procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement has been received through diplomatic channels.

2. This Agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite term. Either Party may terminate the Agreement by notifying the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels. In this case this Agreement shall terminate 180 days after receipt of such notification by the other Party.

3. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect current programs and cooperation efforts that were commenced by the Parties under this Agreement and not accomplished by the date of termination, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate in Seoul, on the 29th day of March, 2021 each in the Russian, Korean and English languages, all texts are equally authentic.

In case of disputes arising during interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall be used.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**



**FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

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