MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF UKRAINE

AND

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF MILITARY GEOGRAPHY

INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants",

in accordance with the Agreement between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine in the Field of Defence, signed on 15 December 2010 (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement),

having regard to the Agreement among the States Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and the Other States Participating in the Partnership for Peace Regarding the Status of Their Forces (hereinafter - NATO/PfP SOFA), done in Brussels on 19 June 1995, and the "Agreement Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of their Forces", done in London on 19 June 1951 (hereinafter referred to as the NATO SOFA),

being aware of the necessity to provide mutual assistance, sharing and use of information and technical means in the field of military geography, have decided as follows:

SECTION I
DEFINITION OF TERMS

"Military geography" – scientific, research, and production activities, as well as technical support, carried out by armed forces or for their needs in such fields as: geodesy, geophysics, geography, topography, cartography, photogrammetry, remote sensing, geoinformation systems, cartographic production, and in other fields related to information about the Earth's surface and its impact on military operations, geodesy, astronomy, gravimetry, geophysics, topography, photogrammetry, cartography and geoinformation necessary for provision of relevant military structures.

"Geographic works" – the complex of geodetic, astronomical, gravimetric, geophysical, topographic, hydrographic, and cartographic works for the production of topographic, maritime, and aeronautical charts, as well as digital cartographic products.

"Geographic materials (products)" – materials (products) prepared within the process of performance of geographic works.

"Digital geographic products" – information of geographic materials (products) comprising topographic (land), marine navigation, air navigation map information and data bases, as well as the Earth remote sensing materials in a digital form (vector data, raster, matrix, 3D model data and products).

"Earth remote sensing" – the process of obtaining data about the Earth's surface by aerial photography or by observing and measuring from space.

"Current reproduction materials" – geographical production materials, the content of which corresponds to the latest materials of geographical works.

"Military geographic standardization" – a set of measures that ensure mutual use and coordinated development in the field of military geographic activity.

SECTION 2
PURPOSE AND SCOPE

2.1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to strengthen cooperation between the Participants on the issues specified in Section 4.

2.2. This MOU is not intended to conflict with the national laws of the Participants and international law. Disputes regarding the interpretation or application of this MOU will be resolved through negotiations between the Participants.

SECTION 3
EXECUTIVE STRUCTURES

The cooperation in the field of geospatial information within the framework of this MOU will be organized and carried out by the following Executive structures of the Participants:

The Ministry of Defence of Ukraine – Military Topography and Navigation Department of the Support Forces Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia – Latvian Geospatial Information Agency (for the matters of geospatial data production, technological development and standardization in the field of geospatial information) and Latvian National Armed Forces Joint Headquarters (for the matters of geospatial support to the military units and geospatial intelligence and training).

SECTION 4
FORMS OF COOPERATION

Cooperation is provided in the following major directions and forms:

a. Regular meetings between the heads and experts of the Executive structures by coordinating them as necessary;

b. Cooperation in performance of geographic works, exchange of cartographic and digital geo-information products (topographic and air navigation maps and their data bases);

c. Exchange of digital geographic production and work for its standardization;

d. Exchange of the materials of remote sensing of the Earth;

e. Cooperation in military geographic standardization developments in the field of military geography;

f. Exchange of information regarding technical and technological development of geographic works, as well as new technologies in this field;

g. Mutual assistance in training of experts for performance of geographic works;

h. Mutual exchange of experience and cooperation in development of the parameters of use of geographic products, improvement of quality and quantity parameters and possibilities of their application;

i. Mutual exchange of experience and cooperation in issues related to geospatial support to military units;

j. Other forms of cooperation as decided by the Participants.

SECTION 5
MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS

5.1. Each Participant may copy geographic materials received from the other Participant unless a separate agreement provides for other restrictions.

5.2. Geographic materials which were transferred or on the basis of which the exchange took place may be transferred to a third party only following receipt of a written consent from the Participant who submitted or delivered them.

5.3. Each Participant will ensure compliance with copyright and its requirements regarding geographic materials received from the other Participant.

SECTION 6
EXCHANGE OF GEOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

6.1. Communication and the exchange of geographic materials within the scope of this MOU will be primarily done through the Executive structures.

6.2. If the exchange of geographic materials is carried out during a working meeting of experts from both states, the exchange process and an appendix documenting its content will be included to the minutes of the meeting. In cases when exchange of geographic materials is organized by sending them between the Executive structures, the package will be labelled with the inscription "Exchange in compliance with the Agreement between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine in the Field of Defence".

6.3. Geographic materials and information within the scope of this MOU is transferred free of charge, unless decided otherwise. The costs of sending deliveries are covered by the sending Participant.

SECTION 7
CLAIMS

7.1. Claims arising out of or in connection with this MOU or follow-on arrangements will be dealt with in accordance with Article VIII of the NATO SOFA.

7.2. Claims not covered by the NATO SOFA or elsewhere in this MOU will be dealt with by the Participants involved on a case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable national and international law.

SECTION 8
FINAL PROVISIONS

8.1. This MOU enters into effect upon signing of both Participants.

8.2. This MOU remains in effect for an unlimited period, unless terminated at any time by mutual written consent or by either Participant giving at least six months written prior notice of termination to the other Participant.

8.3. Should this MOU be terminated, the Participants will enter into negotiations regarding pending obligations arising out of performance of the terms of this MOU.

8.4. The Participants officially exchange geographic materials and communication in English. Translation is the responsibility of the receiving Participant.

8.5. This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants.

8.6. This MoU is signed in two copies, each one in the English, Latvian and Ukrainian language, all texts being authentic. In case of differences in interpretation of this MOU, the English text will prevail.

ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF UKRAINE	**ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**
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