

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN**

CONCERNING

**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
DEFENCE INDUSTRY AND LOGISTICS**

The Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party”)

Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Defence of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Military Co-operation signed in Rawalpindi on 24 March 2010,

Recognizing and reaffirming the principles of respect for sovereignty, sovereign equality, territorial integrity, political independence, non-aggression and non-interference in each other’s internal affairs,

Seeking to promote peace, stability and the well-being of the people of the two countries,

Convinced that close cooperation, mutual understanding and collaboration in the field of the defence industry and logistics will be to their mutual benefit,

Have agreed as follows:

Article-1
GENERAL PRINCIPLE

The Parties shall implement the provisions of this Agreement in conformity with their national laws and regulations and international obligations.

Article-2
PURPOSE

The Parties agree to cooperate on the principle of equality and reciprocity of opportunity and to carry out this Agreement to:

- 2.1 promote cooperation between the Parties in the defence industry;
- 2.2 strengthen the logistics support capabilities of the Armed Forces of the two countries; and
- 2.3 cooperate in the production and procurement of defence equipment and logistics support.

Article-3
SCOPE OF COOPERATION

The areas of mutual cooperation shall include the following:

- 3.1 exchange of information on the requirements of defence equipment and on specific development and improvement projects planned or implemented by the Parties;
- 3.2 joint or coordinated research and development of defence equipment;

- 3.3 exchange of technological data, scientists and experts in the fields of the defence industry and logistics;
- 3.4 license production and co-production of defence equipment;
- 3.5 reciprocal procurement and the mutual or coordinated export of defence equipment to third countries;
- 3.6 mutual follow-on logistics support of defence equipment in service in the Armed Forces of the two countries;
- 3.7 mutual cooperation in training, education, on-the-job training, and exchange programmes in the field of logistics and defence industry.

Article-4
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be:

For the Czech Party: Ministry of Defence;
For the Pakistani Party: Ministry of Defence Production.

Article-5
DIRECT CONTACTS AND IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1 The Parties shall encourage and facilitate, where appropriate, direct contacts and cooperation between the Armed Forces and defence industry of the two countries.
- 5.2 The Parties or the Competent Authorities shall conclude, where appropriate, implementing arrangements in order to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement.

Article-6
JOINT DEFENSE INDUSTRY AND LOGISTICS COOPERATION COMMITTEE

- 6.1 To effectively pursue the aims of this Agreement, a Joint Defence Industry and Logistics Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") shall be established.
- 6.2 The Committee shall be composed of officials from the Parties with no more than seven (7) representatives from each Party. The Committee shall be co-chaired by:

For the Czech Party: Deputy Minister for Industrial Cooperation;

For the Pakistani Party: Secretary – Ministry of Defence Production.
- 6.3 The Committee may establish subcommittees to effectively address specific projects of mutual interest, as required.

- 6.4 The Committee shall meet alternately in the two countries. The date, place and agenda shall be agreed by the Parties. The points of contact shall be the above mentioned co-chairs.
- 6.5 Defence Attaches may participate in the meeting of the Committee.

Article-7

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY COMPANIES

- 7.1 Each Party shall inform the defence industry within its own State of the basic principles of this Agreement and shall establish their own regulations for participation of the companies of the defence industries in implementation of this Agreement.
- 7.2 Each Party shall endeavor to ensure that the companies of the defence industry honour their contractual obligations which are to be made within the framework of this Agreement.
- 7.3 The Parties undertake to ensure that the end-user of jointly implemented projects shall be exclusively the Armed Forces of the two countries.

Article-8

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 8.1 The Parties shall arrange that rights to intellectual property transferred or created within the framework of this Agreement shall be protected in conformity with international law as well as respective national laws and regulations of the Parties.
- 8.2 Where necessary, the Parties or the Competent Authorities shall set out details on the use and protection of intellectual property rights in implementing arrangements to be concluded under this Agreement.
- 8.3 Unless otherwise agreed in an implementing arrangement, the Parties shall arrange that the results of joint research shall be equally shared by the Parties and shall not be transferred to a third party or published without their mutual written consent.

Article-9

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- 9.1 Unless otherwise provided in an implementing arrangement, each Party shall bear its own costs in the course of cooperation under this Agreement.
- 9.2 The Party which hosts the meeting of the Committee shall provide and bear the costs of accommodation, meals and local transportation of representatives of the other Party – members of the Committee.
- 9.3 Cooperation under this Agreement shall be carried out subject to the availability of funds.

Article-10
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

All differences and disputes between the Parties arising from the implementation or the interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Parties and shall not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party for settlement.

Article-11
PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

The Parties shall arrange that information, documents and materials transferred between the Parties within the framework of this Agreement shall be protected in conformity with national laws and regulations of the Parties and shall not be transferred or disclosed to any third party or published without the prior written consent of the supply Party.

Article-12
AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION

This Agreement may be amended or modified at any time through mutual written consent of the Parties. The amendments or modifications shall enter into force in the like manner as provided in Article 13.1.

Article-13
ENTRY INTO EFFECT, DURATION AND TERMINATION

- 13.1 This Agreement shall come into force on the date of signature. It is concluded for an undetermined period.
- 13.2 Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving a notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement. The Agreement shall cease to be in force six months after the date of receipt of such a notice by the other Party.
- 13.3 In the event this Agreement is terminated, the ongoing activities initiated under this Agreement shall be completed subject to the terms agreed upon at their commencement, unless the Parties agree otherwise.
- 13.4 In the event this Agreement is terminated, the Parties shall observe principles of Articles 8 (Intellectual Property Rights), 10 (Settlement of Disputes) and 11 (Protection of Information).

In Witness Whereof the undersigned representatives duly authorized by the respective Governments sign this Agreement.

Done in two originals at Brno on this 6th day of October 2021, in the English language.

For the Government
of the Czech Republic

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