

Anlage 3 – **Entwurf Memorandum of Commitment (MoC)**
– zu Dienstreisebericht PSSM-Seminar beim International Peace Support Training Center (IPSTC)
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MEMORANDUM OF COMMITMENT BETWEEN

INTERNATIONAL PEACE SUPPORT TRAINING CENTRE

AND

THE REGIONAL CENTRE ON SMALL ARMS IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION, HORN
OF AFRICA AND BORDERING STATES

The International Peace Support Training Centre (herein after referred to as IPSTC)

And

The Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lakes Region, The Horn of Africa and Bordering States (herein after referred as RECSA)

Recognizing that IPSTC is responsible for providing strategic and operational level decision making and leadership training to enhance planning and management of multidimensional Africa Peace Operations and develop Eastern Africa Peace and Security Architecture.

Recognizing that the Nairobi Protocol for the Prevention, Control and Reduction of Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, Horn of Africa and Bordering States adopted on April 21, 2004 in Nairobi recognizes the need to promote Cooperation at a sub-regional level as well as in the international fora to effective Combat the small arms and light weapons problem, in collaboration with relevant Partners.

Further recognizing that RECSA was established under the Agreement establishing the Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons adopted by the Member States of the Nairobi Protocol on the June 21, 2005 with the mandate to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of the said Protocol. In pursuant of which RECSA is permitted to enter into agreements with other regional, inter-governmental and civil society organizations and other non-member States

Recognizing the desirability of Cooperation between IPSTC and RECSA within fields of their respective competence of enhancing peace and security in the Great Lakes Region, Horn of Africa and Bordering States, including among other things prevention, control and reduction of proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Mutual Consultation

- 1 . IPSTC and RECSA shall consult regularly on policy issues and matters common interest for the purpose of realizing their objectives and coordinating their respective activities.
- 2 . IPSTC and RECSA shall exchange information on development in any of their fields and projects that are of mutual interest and shall reciprocally take observation concerning such activities into consideration with a view of promoting effective cooperation.
- 3 . When appropriate the, consultation shall be arranged at the required level between representatives of IPSTC and RECSA and agree upon the most effective way in which to organize particular activities and optimize the use of their resources in compliance with their respective mandates.

Article 2

Exchange of information

- 1 . IPSTC and RECSA shall combine their efforts to achieve the best use of all available information relevant to the fight against illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons.
- 2 . Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding of confidential information, IPSTC and RECSA shall ensure full and prompt exchange of information and documents concerning matters of mutual interest.
- 3 . Communication of military information by IPSTC and RECSA shall be subject to IPSTC's internal regulations. If an item of information communicated by IPSTC to RECSA is modified or deleted, IPSTC shall inform RECSA that the latter may keep its own archives up to date. IPSTC shall not be liable in the event that the use by RECSA of an item of information is prejudicial to an individual's or entity's interest, if IPSTC has informed RECSA that that item of information has been modified or deleted. Military information communicated by IPSTC to RECSA shall be used exclusively for the purposes of prevention, control and reduction of illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons with due respect for national and international treaties.

Communication of information by RECSA to IPSTC shall be subject to the provisions of RECSA's internal regulations.

Article 3

Reciprocal Representation

- 1 . Arrangements shall be made for reciprocal representation at IPSTC and RECSA meetings convened under their respective auspices and which consider matters in which the other party has an interest or technical competence.
- 2 . IPSTC and RECSA shall each designate a person to act as a focal point with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 4

Areas of Cooperation

- 1 . IPSTC and RECSA shall, in the interest of their respective activities, seek each other's expertise to optimize the effects of such activities.
- 2 . RECSA shall review at IPSTC's request projects at national and regional level in order to provide comments and suggestions to its domain of expertise.
- 3 . By mutual agreement RECSA shall associate itself in the development and execution of programmes, projects and activities relating particularly to crimes and offences concerning illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons.
- 4 . Joint activities to be conducted under the present Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to the approval of individual project documents by both parties and shall be monitored under agreed mechanism.
- 5 . IPSTC and RECSA shall cooperate in evaluating such programmes, projects and activities of common interest, subject to mutual agreement on a case-by-case basis.

Article 5

Personnel arrangements

Subject to their relevant internal regulations, IPSTC and RECSA shall examine the possibility of organizing the exchange of personnel on a temporary basis. They will enter to special arrangements, if necessary for that purpose.

Article 6
Modification

The present Memorandum of understanding may be modified by mutual consent expressed in writing, it may be revoked by either party by giving six months notice to the other party.

Article 7
Duration and entry into force

The present MoU is for a period of 3 years and shall enter into Force not later than 14 days after it has been signed by The Director of IPSTC and The Executive Secretary of RECSA. If IPSTC and RECSA agree, it may be renewed for further period.

Article 8
Dispute Settlement

Disputes arising out of interpretation or application of the MoC, shall be resolved amicably or by negotiation, good offices, mediation and conciliation.

In witness whereof, the Director of IPSTC and the Executive Secretary of RECSA have signed the present agreement in two original copies in English on dates appearing under their respective signatures.

For The International Peace Support
Training Centre

For the Regional centre on Small Arms in
The Great Lakes Region , The Horn of Africa
and Bordering States

Brigadier Robert Kabage
Director

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Executive Secretary

On (date)

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In (place)

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