



Romanian Reserve Officers
Association



National Union for Veterans from the
Independence War of the Republic Moldova

COOPERATION PROTOCOL
between
the Romanian Reserve Officers Association (AORR)
and
the National Union of Veterans from the Independence of the
Republic of Moldova (UNVRIRM)

The Romanian Reserve Officers Association, member of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR), legally represented by its President, Lt.Gen. (r.) Virgil BĂLĂCEANU, PhD and **the National Union of Veterans from the Independence War of the Republic of Moldova** legally represented by its President, Eduard MAICAN, hereinafter referred to as "Parties",

Continuing the mutual efforts for the development of good military, economic and diplomatic relations between the Republic of Moldova and Romania,

Considering that the current security environment is aware of the escalation of risks and threats to global and regional security and the common interest in contributing to maintaining peace and security in the region,

Based on the institutional framework provided by the provisions of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Government of Romania on military cooperation, signed in Chisinau on April 20, 2012,

Agreed the following:



Art. 1. Purpose of the Protocol

1.1. The purpose of this Protocol is to establish the legal framework necessary for the cooperation between the Parties, in areas of common interests established by the Constitutions and By-Laws of the two organizations.

1.2. This Protocol does not affect the obligations of the Parties resulting from other international agreements, and its purpose does not conflict with the interests, security and territorial integrity of other states.

Art. 2 Areas of Cooperations:

- cultivation and development of esteem feelings, respect and attachment to the real values of democracy;
- developing the duty feelings for country defense, solidarity, cooperation and friendship and between members of our organizations, as well as with reservists from similar military associations from other NATO, the EU and PfP member states;
- focusing efforts to raise awareness of responsible decision-makers and civil society regarding the Armed Forces importance in general and the Reserve Force in particular;
- promoting ideas and theories aimed at developing modern concepts of defense training and warfare in the context of the latest international developments and, in particular, of new forms of manifestation of Hybrid and Informational Warfare, by capitalizing on the experience and training of War veterans and experienced reservists;
- gathering efforts to defend the social rights of active military personnel reservists and to continuously improve inter-human relations and their standard of living;
- conducting regular exchanges of information of mutual interest, not subject to national or international classification regulations, in order to know the real situation in defense systems of the two states;
- mutual supporting activities of education and training of active and reserve military personnel in the spirit of love for the country, ideals of unification and the obedience of laws;
- granting mutual support in the field of training and carrier development of Reserve Forces;
- cooperating in the line of support, through legal means specific to non-governmental associations, for the development of national defense industries and technical endowment of both Armed Forces and Reserve Forces;
- supporting the affiliation of UNVRIRM to the CIOR and, subsequent



participation, jointly, in the activities organized by the Confederation;

Art. 3 Forms of cooperation:

Cooperation is generally achieved through the following forms:

- 3.1. Regular consultations and working meetings on topics of common interest, including through the use of online means of communication;
- 3.2. Mutual visits for the exchange of experience purposes;
- 3.4. Participation in conferences, seminars, symposia, colloquiums and other forms of scientific meetings;
- 3.5. Participation in different events, other than scientific ones, organized by one of the parties.

Art. 4 Responsibilities of the parties

- 4.1. Promote their principles, interests, programmes, actions, image and values.
- 4.2. Actively involved in the modernisation of the legislative framework for the defense of both countries.
- 4.3. Act for the promotion of patriotism, common values of sister countries and national cultures.
- 4.4. Carry out joint programmes, based on specific agreements, in areas of interest providing mutual support in the training, development and implementation of the agreed programmes.
- 4.5. Not to harm, in any way, directly or indirectly, the image of the other Party and not to harm the programmes jointly or separately carried out.
- 4.6. Organize seminars, conferences, courses and other actions of this kind, at home and abroad, according to the established interests.

Art.5 Financial aspects

- 5.1. The financing of the cooperation is based on reciprocity;
- 5.2. The receiving party shall bear the expenses of food, accommodation, internal transport within the territory of its own state and for emergency medical assistance. The latter shall be executed in accordance with the provisions of para 5 of Article IX of the SOFA PFP;
- 5.3. The sending party shall bear the expenses of international transport and other expenses not mentioned in sub-para 5.2;



5.4. For specific activities, other ways of supporting the expenses can be established through specific agreements of application.

Art.6 Settlement of disputes

Any disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of this Protocol shall be amicably settled or through diplomatic channels and shall not be submitted for settlement to any third party or international court.

Art. 7 Final provisions

7.1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the two Parties and shall be concluded for a period of one year. The Protocol shall be automatically extended for a similar period of time, if neither party requests, in writing, its termination.

7.2. The protocol may be supplemented or amended, with the agreement of both parties, by signing additional acts.

7.3. After signing it, additional programmes and activities for the implementation of the provisions of the Protocol will be agreed and the stage of its implementation will be analyzed periodically.

Concluded today / /. in two original copies, one for each signatory Party.



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