

**TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF MONTENEGRO**  
**REGARDING**  
**THE PARTICIPATION OF MONTENEGRIN NAVY PERSONNEL ON**  
**BOARD HELLENIC NAVY SHIPS DURING OPERATION "ATALANTA"**

The Ministry of National Defense of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Defense of Montenegro, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement signed in Podgorica on 7 November 2007, between the Ministry of National Defense of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Defense of Montenegro,

Taking into account:

- the request of Montenegro to the Hellenic Republic to participate with Navy Personnel in Operation "ATALANTA" on board Hellenic Navy Ships.
- the Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro on the participation of Montenegro in the European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast (Operation "ATALANTA"), signed in Brussels on 24 March 2010.

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1: PURPOSE and SCOPE**

The purpose of this Technical Arrangement, which falls within the framework of the Agreement on military cooperation between Ministry of National Defense of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Defense of Montenegro, dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007, is to settle the details of embarkation, staying, duties and obligations of Montenegrin Navy personnel on board Hellenic Navy ships during their participation in Operation "ATALANTA".

## **Article 2: SPECIFIC PROVISIONS**

1. The number of personnel, specialties and ranks for embarkation are to be determined by the Montenegrin Navy subject to the consent of Hellenic Navy.
2. The participating personnel is to be adequately qualified and experienced of service at sea, especially regarding the implementation of all the appropriate safety precautions during its stay on board a warship underway.
3. Prior to the Ship's departure the Hellenic Navy will provide to the Montenegrin Navy personnel a detailed brief on safety procedures and administrative issues.
4. The Montenegrin Navy personnel to be embarked should have an adequate level of knowledge of English language with an emphasis on naval terminology.

## **Article 3: COMMAND and CONTROL – ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL PROVISIONS**

1. Montenegrin Navy personnel participating in Operation "ATALANTA" on board Hellenic Navy ship shall remain under the full command of its national authorities.
2. National authorities shall transfer the administrative control of their personnel on board, to the Commanding Officer of the Hellenic Navy ship.
3. Personnel of Montenegrin Navy, during its stay on board Hellenic Navy ship and its leave ashore in port visits, will obey laws, customs and traditions and will behave according to disciplinary rules and regulations of the Hellenic Navy.
4. Personnel that will not comply with the paragraph 3 stipulations of this article, those considered unfit to continue their participation for medical reasons or those that do not meet the requirements referred in above Article 2 or do not comply with instructions/commands of the ship's Commanding Officer, as well as those recalled by decision of the Montenegrin Navy, will be disembarked from and repatriated at the expense of Montenegrin Navy.
5. Hellenic Navy will inform, in due time, the Montenegrin Navy about the reasons imposing disembarkation of its personnel, according to paragraph 4 of this article.
6. Montenegrin Navy personnel cannot be assigned tasks other than those related to its specialty / experience.
7. During their stay on board the Hellenic Ship, the national uniform regulations will remain in force for Montenegrin Navy personnel. Montenegrin Navy Personnel may wear special clothing / apparel used by Hellenic Navy.

8. Accommodation, meals and all related facilities on board Hellenic Ship will be provided to Montenegrin Navy personnel at no cost in accordance with its rank and seniority (last date of promotion) and they will not vary from those of the respective Hellenic Navy personnel.

#### **Article 4: FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS – MEDICAL ISSUES**

1. Montenegrin Navy will cover:

a. The Personnel and its luggage transportation<sup>1</sup> from Montenegro to Greece and backwards.

b. Accommodation required prior/after embarkation / disembarkation.

c. Expenses concerning the transportation of the sick and/or injured to Montenegro.

d. Foreign service emoluments for the Personnel on board Hellenic Ship and during its leave ashore in ship's port visits.

2. Hellenic Navy will cover:

a. Local transportation of Montenegrin Navy Personnel from the point of arrival to the Hellenic Navy ship.

b. Board and lodging expenses during its stay on board Hellenic Ship.

3. Hellenic Navy will provide without charge medical treatment to the Montenegrin Navy personnel within the capabilities of medical facilities on board Hellenic Ship. In case of emergency or surgical treatment, Hellenic Navy will arrange transportation to a military medical facility near the Area of Operation. Montenegrin Navy will cover the cost of hospitalization, if any.

4. Montenegrin Navy personnel should carry and demonstrate, prior to the embarkation, an official sanitary document issued by the appropriate Medical Authorities of Montenegro, indicating their good general health condition, the lack of any physical defect or contagious diseases and their vaccination records in accordance with the World Health Organization regulations. Further details will be settled through respective Points of Contact.

5. In the event of death on board or during the leave ashore, accredited representatives of Montenegrin authorities will have access to documents regarding the death causes of the Personnel. To this end, Hellenic authorities will provide the necessary assistance.

#### **Article 5: PROTECTION of INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS and DATA**

1. The Parties will provide the protection of information, documents and data either received or exchanged during the implementation process of this Arrangement, in accordance with their respective national legislation.

2. Either Party may denounce this Arrangement at any time by written notification to the other Party. The validity of this Arrangement shall cease thirty days from the date of the receipt of the denunciation notification.

3. In the event that there are financial issues or claims which remain unresolved at the time of denunciation, the provisions of this Arrangement related to those issues or claims shall remain in force until the specific issues are definitely settled.

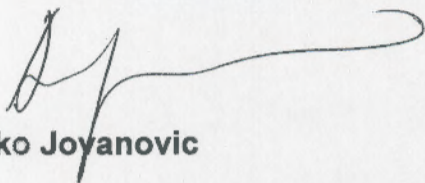
4. In case of termination of this Arrangement, the Parties are obliged to keep acting in compliance with the provisions of Article 5 of this Arrangement.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 101, 11.4.2001, p.1

Signed in Podgorica, Montenegro on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2010, in duplicate in English language.

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

**FOR THE  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
OF MONTENEGRO**

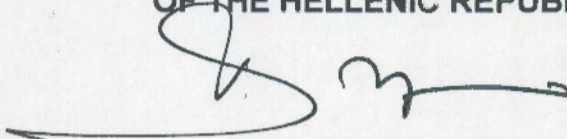


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**Date: 12 of August 2010**

**FOR THE  
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC**



**Captain Christos Diplas HN**

**Defence Attaché of the Hellenic Republic  
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**Date: 12 of August 2010**