

INDIVIDUAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION PROGRAMME BETWEEN JAPAN AND NATO

1. POLITICAL CONTEXT AND PRINCIPLES

1.1 Japan and NATO are dedicated to the values of individual freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. We are each determined to safeguard these shared values as well as the freedom and the security of our populations. We also attach importance to deterring conflict and preventing crises through multilateral cooperation and dialogue.

1.2 Although the security environments are different in the Euro-Atlantic region and the Asia-Pacific region, and notwithstanding geographic distance between Japan and the member nations of NATO, in a more globalised and interlinked world, each of these two regions is affected by, and can affect, political and security developments beyond its borders. We acknowledge our shared strategic interests in promoting global peace, stability and prosperity, through pursuing a rules-based international order that promotes the peaceful settlement of disputes. We are also aware of the need to cooperate in order to face global and emerging security challenges, such as counter terrorism, cyber defence and maritime security, especially counter piracy, as well as in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

1.3 Recognising these common values and challenges as well as our shared mission to promote peace and stability through cooperation, Japan and NATO are committed to strengthening our partnership in areas that are in our shared strategic interest. Such determination is founded on the commonalities in the major policy documents of Japan and NATO including Japan's National Security Strategy which outlines the policy of "Proactive Contribution to Peace" and NATO's 2010 Strategic Concept which commits the Alliance to promote international security through cooperation with its partners.

2. PURPOSE AND MODALITIES FOR COOPERATION

2.1 This Individual Partnership and Cooperation Programme is aimed to materialise the relevant commitment in the Joint Political Declaration,

signed by the Prime Minister of Japan and the NATO Secretary General in Tokyo on 15 April 2013.

2.2 Japan and NATO will promote cooperation as follows:

- To strengthen high level dialogue between Japan and NATO;
- To promote defence exchanges, including by increasing Japan's participation in NATO's Partnership Cooperation Menu activities, developing its participation in NATO's exercises as appropriate, and collaborating on mutual capabilities to address the aforementioned challenges through exchange of experiences, lessons learned, expertise and information;
- To promote practical cooperation with a view to consolidating international peace and stability.

2.3 Japan and NATO will also complement each others' efforts to address these challenges by sharing their experiences including Japan's participation in peacekeeping operations as well as humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in Iraq, Pakistan, the Great East Japan Earthquake, as well as the Philippines, and NATO's security operations.

3. PRIORITY AREAS FOR COOPERATION

3.1 In addition to promoting political dialogue and defence exchanges between them, Japan and NATO will promote practical cooperation with a focus on the following priority areas, covering Areas of Cooperation identified in the Partnership Cooperation Menu:

- 3.1.1 Cooperation and sharing lessons learned from Cyber Defence
- 3.1.2 Cooperation on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief;
- 3.1.3 Counter terrorism;
- 3.1.4 Disarmament, in particular related to small arms and light weapons, arms control, non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery;
- 3.1.5 Maritime security, especially counter piracy;
- 3.1.6 Comprehensive approach to conflict management;
- 3.1.7 Defence science and technology;
- 3.1.8 Public diplomacy initiatives;

3.1.9 Mainstreaming a women, peace and security perspective in peace missions; and

3.1.10 Other defence and security cooperation in the areas of mutual interest between Japan and NATO.

3.2 The cooperation between Japan and NATO will include joint meetings, Japanese participation in NATO activities open to partner countries such as seminars and symposiums, the use of NATO's partnership tools, including the Science for Peace and Security Programme (SPS), the opening of Japanese exchange activities to NATO officials and, as appropriate, Japanese participation in NATO exercises. Japan and NATO will undertake concrete cooperation based on the outcome and the report of their Joint Study Group on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.

3.3 Activities carried out between Japan and NATO will be stored and updated in the Electronic Partnership Real time Information, Management and Exchange System (e-PRIME) database.

4. PROCEDURE FOR REVIEWING THE INDIVIDUAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION PROGRAMME

4.1 This programme will enter into force at the date of approval by the North Atlantic Council and Japan.

4.2 The cooperation resulting from this programme should be reviewed on a timely basis by Japan and NATO through a jointly-owned process.

Signed in Brussels on 6 May 2014 in two originals in the English language.

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