

PROTOCOL AMENDING  
THE PROTOCOL BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA,  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA  
CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE BALTIC DEFENCE COLLEGE  
AND ITS PERSONNEL

The Government of the Republic of Estonia, the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,

DESIRING to conclude a Protocol to amend the Protocol between the Government of the Republic of Estonia, the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania concerning the Status of the Baltic Defence College and its Personnel, done in Riga on June 14, 1999, hereinafter referred to as “the 1999 Protocol”,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

A new subparagraph f shall be added to Article 2 (Definitions) of the 1999 Protocol to read as follows:

“(f) the expression “allocated personnel” means personnel allocated to the College by States other than the Republic of Estonia.”.

**Article 2**

Article 9, paragraph 3 of the 1999 Protocol shall be deleted.

**Article 3**

New paragraphs 11, 12 and 13 shall be added to Article 9 (Privileges and immunities of personnel) of the 1999 Protocol to read as follows:

“11. Allocated personnel, provided they are not permanent residents in Estonia before taking up their duties at the College, shall have reimbursement from the Government of the Republic of Estonia of sum equal to the VAT paid for purchase of goods in Estonia listed in the Annex during a period of one year from taking up duties at the College, to facilitate their establishment in Estonia.

12. Allocated personnel already in duty at the College at the time of the entry into force of this paragraph, provided they were not permanent residents in Estonia before first taking up their duties at the College, shall benefit from the same treatment under paragraph 11 for a period of one year from the 1 January of the year of the entry into force of this paragraph.

13. The College shall submit annually the aggregate request for the transfer of the reimbursement of all eligible persons to the Estonian Ministry of Defence. The procedure implementing this paragraph shall be communicated by the Estonian Ministry of Defence to the College.”

#### **Article 4**

An Annex shall be added to the 1999 Protocol to read as follows:

#### **“ANNEX**

##### **List of goods forming base of requests for reimbursement**

#### **1. Vehicles for personal use:**

1.1. one motor vehicle of any type per allocated person to the College, unless the vehicle is leased;

1.2. motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles.

#### **2. Durable goods for use in personal household in Estonia or for personal use in Estonia:**

2.1. interior decoration objects (for example: furniture, carpets, curtains, curtain rods, blinds, table cloths, plates and dishes, table and wall clocks) except items which become permanently fitted to a house (like fitted carpets, fitted ornaments, swimming pool, bathtubs);

2.2. electrical household appliances (for example: washing machines, irons, sewing – machines, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, heaters, cleaning equipment, fans, humidifiers, air conditioners, stoves, ovens, mixers, coffee grinders, coffee machines, grills, roasters, toasters, projectors, lamps etc.) except items which become permanently fitted to a house (like alarms and safety systems);

2.3. office and audio-visual equipment (for example: computers, printers, scanners, copiers, calculators, telephones and fax machines, radio sets, tape recorders, acoustic equipment, amplifiers, loudspeakers, microphones, television sets, video and DVD equipment such as recorders and cameras).


3. Sports articles and equipment, except clothing.”

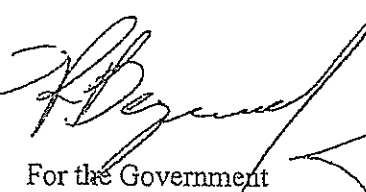
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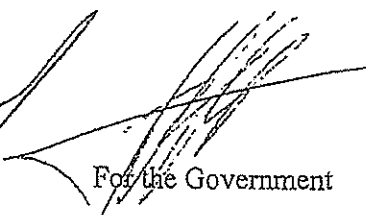
1. This Protocol shall form an integral part of the 1999 Protocol.

2. This Protocol shall enter into force on the 30th day after the Depository has received the last written notification stating that the necessary national legal requirements for this Protocol to enter into force have been completed. The Depository shall inform the Parties of each notification received and of the date of entry into force of this Protocol.

Done at Brussels on <sup>14</sup> June 2016 in the Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic, in a single original which shall be deposited in the archives of the Depository. The Depository shall transmit certified copies of the Protocol to all Parties. In case of different interpretation the English version shall prevail.

  
For the Government  
of the Republic of Estonia

  
For the Government  
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