MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA, MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD AND UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISTRICT 13

THIS MoU describes the relationship between the Ministry of Defence of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Montana National Guard and U.S. Coast Guard District 13 (the "Participants").

TOGETHER WE, the Participants, intend to build a PRODUCTIVE, cooperative relationship that will benefit all Participants and their members.

WE intend to share our cultural diversity and build upon our capability to serve the citizens of our respective countries.

WE plan to cooperate in the following areas;

- a. Aviation operations, maintenance, and safety
- b. Maritime Domain Awareness
- c. Cyber defence and communications security
- d. Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster/ Emergency Response
- e. Leadership/staff/officer/enlisted development
- f. Military medical and engineer activities
- g. Operational logistics
- h. Peace Keeping Operations
- i. Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Environmental defence and response
- j. Cultural exchange programmes
- k. Any other areas as mutually decided

This MoU is legally non-binding.

The scope and type of engagements among the Participants are to be set out in addenda to this MoU and should be mutually decided by the Participants in writing and within the areas of cooperation specified in this MoU.

All communications related to this MoU to be given by any Participant under this MoU should be given in writing by email or other mutually decided electronic means, or by fax to the following address or to such other address as provided by the Participant. To Montana National Guard and U.S. Coast Guard:

To Secretary MoD:

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is effective from the date of its signing by the Participants, and is intended to remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Thereafter, the MoU is to be automatically extended for consecutive periods of five (5) years, unless any Participant gives written notice to the others of its intention not to renew this MoU.

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING may be terminated by any Participant at any time.

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING may be amended/ modified by mutual written decision of the Participants.

WE reaffirm our commitment to an enduring relationship between the Ministry of Defence of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Montana National Guard, and the U.S. Coast Guard District 13.

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Secretary

(Ministry of Defence)

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Julie J. Chung

U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka

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