

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
FOR A CLOSER COOPERATION PARTNERSHIP
IN DEFENSE AND SECURITY**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties" and separately as a "Party"):

- a. Reaffirming the excellent relations between the United States and Singapore based on shared strategic perspectives;
- b. Recognizing the persistence of threats to global peace and stability, including terrorism and the proliferation of weapons-related items and dangerous technologies;
- c. Recognizing the strategic value of a network of defense partnerships around the world to deal with the uncertainties created by these threats, and the role that Singapore plays in this network; and
- d. Desiring to enhance the longstanding and successful bilateral security cooperation between the United States and Singapore to defeat these threats and to promote peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region;

hereby enter into a Strategic Framework Agreement for a Closer Cooperation Partnership in Defense and Security.

Article 1

PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

This Agreement is based on the following principles and beliefs shared by the Parties:

- a. A strong United States military presence is vital for regional peace and stability;

- b. A strong capability for self-defense, in conjunction with the promotion of good international relations, enhances regional peace and stability;
- c. Cooperation between like-minded countries on defense and security issues is an essential part of effectively responding to threats to peace and stability; and
- d. A defense and security cooperation partnership between the United States and Singapore is of benefit to both nations and to the region.

Article 2

EXPANDED DEFENSE AND SECURITY COOPERATION

1. The United States and Singapore desire to expand the scope of defense and security cooperation reflected in their 1990 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding United States Use of Facilities in Singapore and other relevant agreements. The United States recognizes the important role played by Singapore as a Major Security Cooperation Partner and its place in the global network of strategic partnerships for the promotion of peace and stability and the war against global terrorism.
2. The Parties agree to work toward enhanced cooperation in the following areas:
 - a. Increased defense cooperation through the provision of facilities in Singapore for United States military vessels, aircraft, personnel, equipment and materiel; supporting deployments of the Parties' respective forces; conducting bilateral and multilateral exercises in the region and in the United States and exchanging military training; fostering inter-operability of the Parties' respective armed forces; conducting defense policy dialogues to exchange strategic perspectives; conducting exchanges between defense intelligence and security agencies; and joint efforts to broaden and deepen defense technology and defense-related research, development, testing, and scientific assessments;
 - b. Cooperation in Search and Rescue (SAR) and disaster management operations;
 - c. Exchanges and cooperative collection and analyses of information on threats of common concern, including law enforcement cooperation;
 - d. Countering global terrorism and enhancing combined defenses against terrorism, including promoting greater regional cooperation and coordination, building counterterrorism capacity, and managing responses to terrorist attacks;

e. Cooperation against the proliferation of weapons-related items and dangerous technologies, including through adherence to export, re-export, transit/transshipment, and brokering control systems and to multilateral nonproliferation and export control regimes; and strengthened enforcement of such controls; and

f. Such other areas of defense and security cooperation as the Parties may agree upon in the future.

3. Increased cooperation in these areas will be subject to conditions separately agreed upon by the Parties. The specific details of cooperation in these areas may be set out in Annexes to this Agreement or other agreements entered into between the Parties pursuant to this Agreement.

Article 3

IMPLEMENTATION

1. The coordinating agency responsible for implementation of this Agreement for the Government of the United States of America is the Department of State. The coordinating agency responsible for implementation of this Agreement for the Government of the Republic of Singapore is the Ministry of Defence.

2. Each Party will designate a lead agency for its government for each area of cooperation listed in Article 2.

3. The lead agencies will:

a. Monitor the progress and implementation of cooperation in their designated area(s);

b. Propose new cooperation projects and carry out discussions and negotiations as necessary to reach agreement on the details of such cooperation; and,

c. Meet from time to time in Singapore or in the United States, as convenient, for the purposes of discussing and resolving outstanding issues and to further the objectives set forth in this Agreement. The meetings may include other governmental departments and agencies as agreed upon by the Parties.

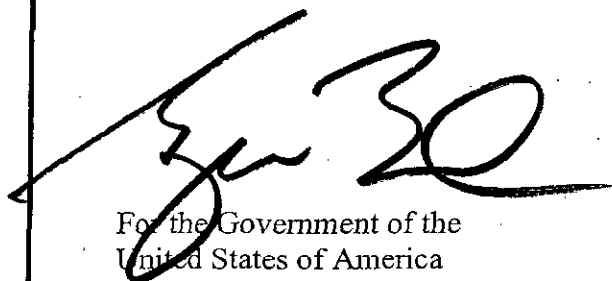
Article 4

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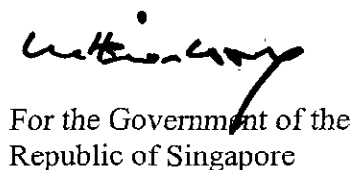
1. This Agreement does not derogate from or in any way hinder the rights and obligations under any existing agreements, MOUs, or understandings between the Parties.
2. This Agreement may only be amended by written agreement of the Parties.
3. This Agreement shall remain in force unless terminated by mutual consent of the Parties. Alternatively, either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing six months' written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels.
4. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature of the Parties and shall remain in force unless terminated in accordance with this Article.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement in duplicate in the English language.

DONE at Washington, D.C. on this twelfth day of July in this year 2005.



For the Government of the
United States of America



For the Government of the
Republic of Singapore