

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON COOPERATION  
between the Government of the Republic of Estonia  
and the Government of the State of Maryland  
(United States of America)**

The Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the State of Maryland (United States of America), hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”;

Recognizing the security cooperation between the Participants that began in the early 1990’s with the State Partnership Program between the Estonian Defense League and the Maryland National Guard, as referenced in the

- Memorandum of Understanding Between the Maryland Military Department and Estonian War Museum, signed November 17, 2015;

And, recognizing the Sister State partnership between Harju County of Estonia and the State of Maryland, maintained from 2009 to 2018, as established with the

- Sister State Agreement Between the State of Maryland, USA and Harju County Estonia, signed May 18, 2009;

Noting that this important relationship linked international officials, institutions and businesses and helped build close ties in areas such as security and education between the Participants;

Whereas the Participants desire to take into consideration these positive experiences and already existing links;

Whereas the Participants intend to make further contributions to effect comprehensive cooperation;

Have accepted the following:

### Section 1

The Participants represent that their cooperation will be carried out within their respective areas of competence in the following areas:

- economic development and tourism;
- science and technology;
- environmental protection;
- youth and education;
- health and human services, with an emphasis on drug abuse and opioid overdose prevention;
- culture and arts; and
- security.

By mutual written consent of both Participants, the Participants may adopt other areas of exchange.

### Section 2

Neither Participant, without the prior written consent of the other Participant, will use any information it receives from the other Participant under this Memorandum for purposes not directly related to the exercise of the Memorandum.

### Section 3

The Participants will act in good faith in implementing the items described in this Memorandum, however the Participants will not assume any legal or financial obligations or liabilities in this regard whatsoever.

### Section 4

This Memorandum will be subject to the laws, rules and regulations applying to the Participants.

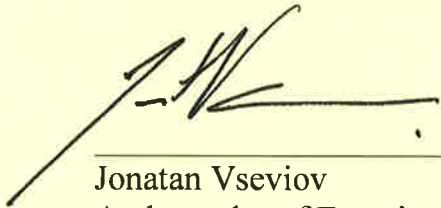
### Section 5

This Memorandum is for a period of five (5) years starting on the effective date, and may be renewed by an exchange of letters between the Participants. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Memorandum may be terminated at any time by mutual consent or

unilaterally by either Participant; provided however, Section 2 will survive the termination of the Memorandum.

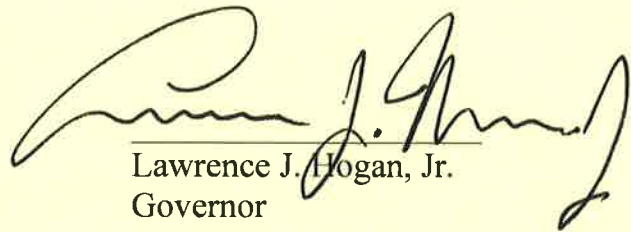
Executed in the city of Annapolis, this 5<sup>th</sup> the day of August 2019, in duplicate, each in Estonian and English, with both versions being equally valid.

For the Government  
of the Republic of Estonia



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For the Government  
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