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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF BAHRAIN CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT OF CANADIAN FORCES

The Government of Canada and the Government of the State of Bahrain,

Out of the ties of friendship and co-operation, and as a result of the present unsettled conditions in the Gulf area, which threaten the security and safety of Bahrain, and other countries in the region, and in recognition of the grave breach of the peace of the region and of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 660,² 661,² 662,³ 664,⁴ and 665⁴ have agreed as follows:

1. The Government of Canada is deploying forces to the sovereign territory of Bahrain in exercise of the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence recognised in Article 51 of the United Nations Charter.
2. The Government of Bahrain will make facilities available for such Canadian forces in Bahrain. The number and nature of the Canadian forces and the facilities to be made available shall from time to time be agreed by a Joint Consultative Committee to be established under paragraph 13 below.
3. The deployment of Canadian forces in Bahrain under this Memorandum of Agreement is to assist in deterring the aggression which threatens Bahrain and other Gulf Co-operation Council countries and to support the outstanding

¹ Came into force on 16 January 1991 by signature, in accordance with paragraph 14.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council* (S/INF/46), p. 19.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 20.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 21.

United Nations Security Council Resolutions as part of the multi-national military force in and around the Arabian peninsula and to meet any other objectives agreed by the parties to this Memorandum of Agreement.

4. The Canadian forces in Bahrain will observe and respect the laws, regulations, customs and traditions of Bahrain, and have a duty not to interfere in the internal affairs of Bahrain. The Government of Canada shall ensure respect and compliance thereof.
5.
 - (a) The Government of Canada shall exercise criminal jurisdiction over members of the Canadian forces except as may be otherwise agreed by the governments of both countries. The Government of Bahrain shall exercise civil jurisdiction over members of the Canadian forces, except for those matters arising in the course of the performance of their official duties.
 - (b) In relation to criminal jurisdiction the Government of Canada shall, when requested, hold negotiations with the Government of Bahrain for the purpose of implementing exceptions to the general rule regarding cases of criminal jurisdiction which may be retained by the Government of Bahrain.
 - (c) The authorities of both governments shall assist each other in carrying out all necessary investigations into alleged offences and in the collection and production of evidence relating to an alleged offence.
6. Each government waives any claim it has or may have against the other government or any service personnel or civilian employees of the other government for injury (including