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**European Union  
and  
United States of America**

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**Union européenne  
et  
États-Unis d'Amérique**

**Accord-cadre entre les États-Unis d'Amérique et l'Union européenne sur la participation des États-Unis d'Amérique aux opérations de gestion de crise menées par l'Union européenne (avec déclarations). Washington, 17 mai 2011**

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FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND THE EUROPEAN UNION  
ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
IN EUROPEAN UNION CRISIS MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ("UNITED STATES")

and

THE EUROPEAN UNION ("EU" OR "EUROPEAN UNION")

hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties",

WHEREAS:

The European Union may decide to take action in the field of crisis management.

The past two decades have witnessed a rise in the efforts of governments and multilateral organizations to use means to reduce the incidence of conflict around the world.

The United States and the EU share a desire to foster peaceful reconciliation and to facilitate reconstruction and stabilization through burden sharing in crisis management operations, and believe there is an enhanced potential for success of such EU operations created by the contribution of experts by the United States.

The United States and the EU wish to set down general conditions regarding the participation of the United States in EU crisis management operations in an agreement establishing a framework for such possible future participation, rather than defining these conditions on a case-by-case basis for each operation concerned,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

## ARTICLE 1

### Decisions relating to participation

1. Following the decision of the European Union to invite the United States to participate in an EU crisis management operation, and once the United States has decided to participate, the United States shall provide information to the European Union on its proposed contribution to the operation. A decision by the United States to participate in an EU crisis management operation reflects its agreement to respect the terms of the Council Decision whereby the EU decided to conduct the relevant operation ("the Council Decision").
2. The European Union and the United States shall consult regarding the United States' proposed contribution, including on the possible contribution to the operational budget of the operation, and, if they agree to proceed with the participation, such participation shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and any related implementing arrangement(s) entered into by the Parties.
3. The contribution of the United States to EU crisis management operations shall be without prejudice to the decision-making autonomy of the European Union, and shall not prejudice the case-by-case nature of the decisions of the United States to participate in an EU crisis management operation.