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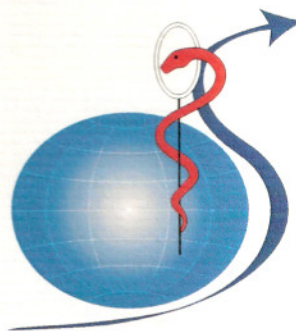
# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

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AND

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF MILITARY MEDICINE





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The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) is to facilitate contact and co-operation between the **Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS** (“UNAIDS”) and the **International Committee of Military Medicine** (the “ICMM”).

### WHEREAS :

- A.** One of the principal objectives of the ICMM is to maintain and strengthen the bonds between the military medical services of all its “Member States” in order to promote medico-military activities and to participate in the medical and medico-military setting of humanitarian operations.
- B.** The primary objective of UNAIDS is to advocate “Universal Access” to Prevention, Treatment and Care to prevent the spread of HIV, to provide treatment, care and support for those infected and affected by the disease, to reduce the vulnerability of individuals and communities to HIV and HIV related disease and to alleviate the socio-economic and human impact of the epidemic.
- C.** UNAIDS and the ICMM consider that there is need for co-ordination of human and material resources to further the objectives of both parties in the military medical services and to further promote integrated national programs of prevention, testing and counseling, as well as social support and treatment of HIV and HIV related diseases, for the national and international “Military Services” of Member States of the ICMM.
- D.** UNAIDS and the ICMM consider that HIV prevention among the Military Services should include advocacy and fostering of partnerships with international and national HIV and security partners, sharing of information, best practices and lessons learned, improved co-ordination and provision of technical support.

### UNAIDS and ICMM agree as follows :

#### **1. Reciprocal representation.**

Each of UNAIDS and the ICMM will invite the other to participate as an observer in key meetings during which the dual issues of HIV and the Military Services are under consideration and, following such meetings, will make available to the other, reports and recommendations of those meetings.

Specifically, the Secretary General of the ICMM agrees to invite a representative of UNAIDS to participate, without voting rights, in the biannual World Congress of Military Medicine organized by the ICMM in odd years and the Regional Congresses organized by ICMM in even years.

UNAIDS agrees to invite the Secretary General of the ICMM to participate in, or be represented, without voting rights, at the Global Task Force on HIV in Uniformed Services.

#### **2. Exchange of information.**

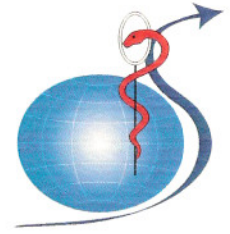
Subject to such arrangements as UNAIDS considers are necessary to safeguard the confidential nature of certain of its documents, UNAIDS and the ICMM agree to exchange technical information relating to the subject of HIV and the Military Services. Ownership of such information shall remain with the party that provides it.

In accordance with the provisions of the ICMM’s statutes, the competent authority of the military health services of each of the Member States has agreed to provide all useful and non-confidential information that it considers helpful to share with others.



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### 3. Advocacy.

UNAIDS and the ICMM agree to collaborate and to consult each other, where appropriate, on questions and issues relating to HIV and Universal Access for the Military Services.

UNAIDS and the ICMM agree, where appropriate, to engage in joint advocacy for Universal Access for the Military Services, provided always that each party shall have the right to engage in advocacy alone in furtherance of the mandate of its organization.

### 4. Documentation.

UNAIDS and the ICMM agree to provide to the other, technical support in the development of tools for monitoring and evaluation of methods, practices and interventions related to HIV and the Military Services.

### 5. Validity and duration.

This MOU will enter into force upon signature by both parties and shall be for an initial term of two (2) years, which may be extended by written agreement between the parties.

Either party may terminate this MOU at any time by giving to the other not less than three (3) months formal written notification of termination.

Either party may propose written amendments to this MOU which, upon written agreement of the other party, shall be considered part of this MOU.

Signed in two original copies in English.

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