



The Defense and Security Agreement between the Republic of Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic [Informal Translation]

Based on the Fraternity, Cooperation and Coordination Treaty between the Republic of Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic, signed on May 22nd, 1991, in Damascus, in its third, fifth and sixth Articles, particularly Article 6, paragraph 5, it was agreed on the following:

1. The Organizational Structure

A committee for Defense and Security affairs shall be formed of the Defense and Interior Ministers of both states. This Committee shall meet alternately, every three months, in each of the capitals: Beirut and Damascus or in any other agreed place; it may also meet when necessary. The committee can seek the assistance of any of the heads of security organisms of both states or the other services affiliated to the two ministries. The heads of the army, security organisms and other concerned departments shall meet, on a monthly basis, and when necessary, in an agreed place, to carry out and supervise the execution of the programs set up by the Defense and Security Committee.

2. The Tasks

The Committee for Defense and Security Affairs shall have the competence to study the methods likely to preserve security in both states and propose joint plans to confront any aggression or threat against their national security and quell any riots threatening the national security of either state.

For the purpose of the implementation of the provisions of Article 3 of the Fraternity, Cooperation and Coordination Treaty, it is necessary to work on carrying out the following:

With a view to confirming both states' pledge that Lebanon would not be a source of threat to Syria's security and vice versa, under any circumstances, the military and security organisms of the both states shall take the necessary measures to carry out the following:

211. Prevent any activity, act or organization in all the military, security, political and media fields that may cause prejudice to the other country.
212. Both Parties shall undertake not to give shelter for, facilitate the passage of or provide protection for individuals and organizations operating against the security of the other state. In case they have sought refuge in either state, it shall undertake to arrest and extradite them to the other Party, upon the latter's request.
213. Enable the military and security organisms in both countries to carry out their tasks that consist in endeavoring to implement the provisions of the above paragraphs **211** and **212**. They shall meet regularly in both countries to exchange information covering all the national and internal security matters, including drugs, terrorism and espionage. The follow up and settlement thereof shall be coordinated, if necessary, in either states or abroad, in cooperation with international organisms. The legal and procedural measures shall be taken in order to facilitate the joint action of both countries' organisms, within the framework of the agreed coordination, to facilitate the abovementioned follow up and settlement process.
214. On the defense level, the Defense Ministries of both countries and the concerned departments therein shall meet regularly, every three months and when necessary, to exchange information on issues relating to the security of both countries and all hostile activities, with the aim of having a common vision of eventual dangers and their dimensions, and consequently, coordinating the elaboration of plans on all levels in order to confront them. In this context, it would be possible to create joint organs from the defense ministries of both countries to follow up and supervise the implementation of this coordination between them.
215. The Ministries of Defense and Interior of both countries shall work on consolidating the exchange of individuals and officers, in the framework of training courses in various fields, including the exchange of military instructors in military colleges, in order to reach a higher level of military adaptation and coordination in the face of common threats.



216. The Ministerial Committee for Defense and Security Affairs shall draw up the necessary plans to enlarge the exchange and development process at the level of civil defense in both countries.

3. Final Provision

In addition to its tasks, the Defense and Security Committee shall carry out the following:

- Following up the implementation of all the clauses of this Agreement and giving the necessary instructions for a good performance.
- Proposing to the Higher Council, the rules, principles and regulations that may lead to full and effective implementation of this Agreement.

This Agreement was done in duplicates in the Arab language, both being equally authentic. It shall enter into force from the date of exchange of the diplomatic notes notifying the ratification thereof by both Contracting Countries, according to their constitutional regulations.

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