IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENT REGARDING

THE JOINT COMMISSION

ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

ON DEFENSE COOPERATION

Pursuant to Article XXXIII of the "Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria on Defense Cooperation", signed in Sofia on April 28, 2006 (hereafter "the Agreement"),

The United States and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (hereafter referred to as "the Parties") agree as follows:

1. The Joint Commission, established pursuant to Article XXXIII of the Agreement, shall conduct consultations and provide direction on matters pertaining to the implementation of the Agreement.

2. The Joint Commission shall be chaired by representatives of the Bulgarian and United States Executive Agents (hereafter referred to as the "Co-Chairs"), and composed of additional members, secretaries, and staff as agreed to by the Co-Chairs. All members, secretaries and staff shall be employees of their respective governments. The Executive Agents shall exchange the names of their respective Co-Chair, members and secretary within 30 days of entry into force of this Implementing Arrangement.

3. The Joint Commission shall determine its own procedures, and arrange for such auxiliary organs and administrative services as may be considered appropriate in the implementation of the Agreement. The Joint Commission shall establish sub-committees to address specific areas of interest, including, but not limited to: operational matters, real estate management, security, communications, labor, logistical support, environmental matters, exercise planning, and legal matters.

4. The Joint Commission shall meet once every calendar quarter or as mutually agreed by the Co-Chairs.

5. Decisions of the Joint Commission shall be by consensus of the Co-Chairs. Any matter that comes before the Joint Commission, but which the Joint Commission is unable to resolve, shall be referred for further consideration in accordance with Article XXXIII, paragraph 2 of the Agreement.

6. This Implementing Arrangement may be amended in writing at any time, by mutual consent.

7. This Implementing Arrangement shall enter into force upon signature and remain in force unless terminated upon one year's written notice by either Party. In any event, this Implementing Arrangement shall terminate on the date the Agreement terminates, should that occur.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Implementing Arrangement.

DONE in Sofia, this 28th day of February 2008, in duplicate, in the English and Bulgarian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA