

## **Resolution on intensified international partnership of ombuds institutions for the armed forces**

The global security environment has undergone profound change in recent years, a development that is continuing. Military cooperation between nations has greatly increased, both within and outside of alliances. Various countries' armed forces are already cooperating today, for example on international missions, on international command staffs and in binational and multinational formations.

In the context of such cooperation, tensions may surface between military personnel from different nations. Problems may arise from variations between the legal provisions of individual states. A number of other fundamental issues are conceivable.

Ombuds institutions for the armed forces have the potential to contribute to addressing grievances related to international missions, exercises, international headquarters and other forms of institutionalized international cooperation of the armed forces.

The undersigned institutions therefore agree to intensify their cooperation in the following areas:

- 1. The ombuds institutions shall, wherever necessary, seek solutions together in cases of dispute.**
- 2. They shall inform each other of planned visits to troops engaged on international missions and on their findings from such visits.**
- 3. They shall report to each other on the problems that have come to their attention in the framework of their nations' military cooperation.**
- 4. Ombuds institutions shall inform the armed forces and other relevant institutions at the national and international levels of their intensified cooperation.**
- 5. Ombuds institutions call for DCAF – Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance to support its intensified international partnership.**
- 6. Ombuds institutions shall adopt annual action plans on the implementation of this resolution.**

Ombuds institutions shall ensure that this resolution is publicised nationally and internationally.

Signature of the sponsoring ombuds institution