

**Memorandum of Cooperation
Between
United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM)
and
Australian Defence Force (ADF)
Concerning
Global Health Security**

The U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), as represented by the J07, and the Australian Defence Force (ADF), as represented by the Joint Health Command (JHC) (collectively, the "Participants") share a joint interest in fostering and advancing health security in the Indo-Pacific region and have established a strategically valuable global health security-focused partnership. The Participants intend that this Memorandum of Cooperation (the "MOC") is to lead toward the establishment of an Indo-Pacific Health Security Alliance (IPHSA). The IPHSA would formalize and sustain the Participants' global health security partnership; institutionalize the ongoing lines of effort, while expanding its reach and adding new partners; and promote a free and open Indo-Pacific region through increased multisector global health security preparedness.

Section One: Roles and Responsibilities

The roles and responsibilities listed below may be modified with the mutual written consent of the Participants. The Participants intend to collaborate and coordinate on any changes to the roles and responsibilities throughout the IPHSA establishment process.

Through the establishment of a combined planning team, the Participants intend to jointly perform the roles and responsibilities identified below:

- Plan, coordinate, and participate in In-Progress Reviews and planning meetings.
- Develop an IPHSA concept paper to ensure USINDOPACOM and ADF interests would be served by its establishment.
- Develop a 3-year IPHSA establishment roadmap.
- Develop a partner engagement and messaging plan.
- Co-host partner engagement meetings.
- Conduct public out-reach. Media releases about the IPHSA establishment process are to be coordinated through the combined planning team for concurrence by the Participants.

Section Two: Financial Issues


The Participants intend to cover their own expenses associated with conducting activities under this MOC. The Participants acknowledge that all activities under this MOC are subject to the availability of funds authorized for such purposes.

Section Three: General Terms

This MOC is to commence, for an initial period of three (3) years, on the date of the last signature. This MOC may be modified by the mutual written consent of the Participants, and it may be discontinued by the written notice of either Participant. This MOC is not intended to create a binding international agreement between the United States Government and the Australian Government.



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