

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

KHERSON REGIONAL MILITARY (STATE) ADMINISTRATION
(KHERSON REGION, UKRAINE)

and

GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA
(CANADA)



KHERSON REGIONAL MILITARY (STATE) ADMINISTRATION, represented by Oleksandr PROKUDIN, Head of Kherson Regional Military (State) Administration, acting on the basis of the Laws of Ukraine "On Local State Administrations," "On the Legal Regime of Martial Law," Presidential Decree of Ukraine dated 24 February 2022 No. 68/2022 "On the Establishment of Military Administrations," and Presidential Decree dated 07 February 2023 No. 67/2023 "On the Appointment of O. Prokudin as Head of Kherson Regional State Administration," and

THE GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA, represented by the Premier of Manitoba, acting pursuant to the laws and regulations of the Province of Manitoba,

hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party,"

- recognizing the importance of fostering international cooperation and mutual support between Manitoba and Ukraine;
- acknowledging the historical ties between the peoples of Ukraine and Canada, particularly the significant contribution of the Ukrainian diaspora in the Province of Manitoba to the cultural, economic, and social development of the region;
- recognizing Manitoba's ongoing support for Ukraine following the Russian invasion, including welcoming over 30,000 Ukrainian fleeing the conflict;
- recognizing Manitoba's long-standing connections with Ukraine at the national and sub-national levels;
- emphasizing the shared democratic values that unite Canada and Ukraine, including support for the rule of law, human rights, and freedom;
- considering the consequences of the illegal full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation into the territory of Ukraine, particularly in Kherson Region, which has led to significant human losses and widespread destruction;
- reaffirm Manitoba's commitment to supporting Ukraine in the areas of recovery, reconstruction, and development;
- seek to build on existing forms of cooperation between the Parties and enhance and expand this partnership;
- desire to promote sustainable development and prosperity in both regions through the exchange of experience, technologies, and best practices,

have concluded this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "Memorandum") regarding further cooperation and agreed as follows:

I. Purpose of the Memorandum

This Memorandum aims to establish a partnership between the Government of Manitoba (Canada) and the Kherson Regional Military (State) Administration (Ukraine) to deepen cooperation, share best practices, exchange experience and expertise to support social, cultural, and economic development in both regions and support economic recovery in Kherson.

II. Areas of Cooperation

Cooperation may include, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Agriculture: facilitate the exchange of knowledge and expertise on agriculture and explore opportunities to build connections between agricultural communities.
- Economic growth: facilitate the sharing of best practices on economic development, including job creation, small- and medium-sized enterprises development, and identify avenues and venues to connect business communities in support of economic growth and recovery in Ukraine.
- Education: exchange information, research and best practices on education and facilitate connections to educational institutions to explore joint initiatives to enhance the quality of education and training of specialists.
- Health care: share experience and knowledge on the implementation of innovative approaches to diagnostics, treatment, and rehabilitation to enhance the quality of health care, facilitating the exchange of expertise among health professionals.
- Sport and Culture: Promote collaboration in the areas of sport and culture to enhance community connections between the two regions.

III. Implementation

The Parties recognize the benefits of ongoing, regular contacts between their respective governments to identify areas in which there are opportunities for joint, formal or informal co-operation.

Therefore a Working Group will be created to:

- Jointly review and establish specific implementation priorities and strategies and develop annual and long-term work plans for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding;
- Monitor progress on the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and report to the representatives of the Parties who will meet annually when possible and appropriate;
- Designate Regional Military Administration and Manitoba government representatives to serve as principal points of policy contact and liaison to promote co-operation in areas of mutual interest; and
- Explore other co-operative initiatives on matters of common interest that will be considered complementary to this Memorandum of Understanding.

IV. Entry into Force

The Memorandum shall enter into force upon its signing by the authorised representatives of the Parties and shall remain in effect for three (3) years from that date. The Memorandum may be renewed for an additional three (3) years through mutual written consent by the Parties.

V. Final Provisions

This Memorandum is not a preliminary agreement and does not create any legal or financial obligations for the Parties.

The Memorandum may not serve as a basis for claims or other legal actions against any of the Parties and does not oblige the Parties to conclude a contract in the future.

Amendments and additions to this Memorandum may only be made in writing, signed by the authorised representatives of the Parties, and shall form an integral part thereof.

Signed in the city of Calgary, on the 18th of June 2025, in two original copies, each containing Ukrainian and English texts, both being equally authentic.

In case of discrepancies in the interpretation of this Memorandum, the English text shall prevail.

Signatures of the Parties:



For Kherson Regional Military (State) Administration, Ukraine

Head

Oleksandr PROKUDIN



For the Government of Manitoba, Canada

Premier

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