



In this agreement, authored by the Lieutenant General of the Koninklijke Marechaussee and the First Chief Commissioner of the Korps Nationale Politie, the parties mentioned earlier agreed that:

#### Article I Definitions

1. The collective of the *Koninklijke Marechaussee* and the *Korps Nationale Politie* will henceforth be described as **law enforcement agencies**.
2. The collective of the branches which form the Ministry of Defence, including the *Koninklijke Marechaussee*, will henceforth be described as the **Dutch Armed Forces**.
3. The collective of the *Close Protection Team of the Brigade Speciale Beveiligingsopdrachten* and the *Dienst Koninklijke en Diplomatieke Beveiliging* will henceforth be described as **Close Protection Units**.
4. The collective of the *Arrest Team of the Brigade Speciale Beveiligingsopdrachten*, *Arrest Team of the Korps Nationale Politie* and the *Dienst Speciale Interventies* will henceforth be described as **Arrest Teams**.
5. The collective of the *Hoog Risico Beveiliging* of the *Koninklijke Marechaussee*, the *Gewapende Beveiliging Burgerluchtvaart* of the *Koninklijke Marechaussee* and the *Bewakingseenheid* of the *Korps Nationale Politie* will henceforth be described as **Object Protection Units**.
6. The collective of the *Close Protection Units*, *the Arrest Teams and the Object Protection Units* will henceforth be described as **specialized units**.
7. The collective of the *Members of the House of Oranje-Nassau*, *Members of the Cabinet*, *Foreign Diplomats and leaders* and *people assigned by the Close Protection Units* will henceforth be described as **VIPs**.

#### Article II Arrest

1. It is hereby established that both the *Korps Nationale Politie* and the *Koninklijke Marechaussee* may arrest civilians on the grounds that they have or are suspected to have broken the law.
2. It is hereby established that the right to arrest members active in the *Dutch Armed Forces* (on-duty) is exclusive to the *Koninklijke Marechaussee*.
  - a. An exception to this article is a situation in which there are no members of the *Koninklijke Marechaussee* present or are not willing to act, but there is a necessity to arrest an individual active in the *Dutch Armed Forces* in order to maintain law and order.

#### Article III Patrol

1. It is hereby established that the primary law enforcement agency in Den Haag and the Antilles will be the *Korps Nationale Politie* and that the *Korps Nationale Politie* will be supported in their duties by the *Koninklijke Marechaussee*.
2. It is hereby established that the right to enforce laws and patrol in/on any body of water is exclusive to the *Koninklijke Marechaussee* and the *Royal Netherlands Navy*.
  - a. An exception to this article is a situation in which there are no members of the *Koninklijke Marechaussee* or *Royal Netherlands Navy* available, but there is an immediate threat to public safety present in a body of water.
  - b. An exception to this article is a situation in which there are no members of the *Koninklijke Marechaussee* or *Royal Netherlands Navy* available, but there is a member of a law enforcement agency in need of rescue on sea.
  - c. An exception to this article is a situation in which a member of the *Korps Nationale Politie* is transporting themselves and/or colleagues over a body of water, and a situation occurs in which a law enforcement officer is normally expected to assist.
  - d. The Hofvijver in Den Haag is not considered a body of water for this article.



3. It is hereby established that all law enforcement agencies, including its specialized units, are free to patrol the city and to apprehend citizens who have or are suspected to have broken the law. Law enforcement agencies may also man checkpoints.
  - a. It is hereby established that the *Object Protection Units* will be restricted to the areas they were assigned to defend and that they may not go in pursuit or patrol unless specifically requested to do so by the law enforcement agencies.
  - b. It is hereby established that the *Arrest Teams* may only go in pursuit or patrol if permitted by their unit regulations.
  - c. It is hereby established that the *Close Protection Units* will be restricted to the areas surrounding the VIPs that they were assigned to defend and that they may not go in pursuit or patrol.
4. It is hereby established that the *Koninklijke Marechaussee* may not go in pursuit and/or enforce traffic laws unless the *Korps Nationale Politie* has requested assistance.
  - a. An exception to this article is a situation in which there are no members of the *Korps Nationale Politie* present but there is a necessity to arrest an individual who is evading apprehension or breaking traffic laws.
  - b. An exception to this article is a situation in which members of the *Koninklijke Marechaussee* catch an individual red handed whilst breaking laws.
  - c. An exception to this article is a situation in which members of the *Dutch Armed Forces* break traffic laws.

#### **Article IV Deployment**

1. It is hereby established that the deployment of specialized units will be as minimal as possible and that they only will be made use of in situations that require their deployment.
  - a. It is hereby established that the *Close Protection Units* will only be deployed when there is a VIP ingame that requires their protection or there is an event where these VIPs are expected to attend.
  - b. It is hereby established that the deployment of *Object Protection Units* will be determined by internal regulation.
  - c. It is hereby established that the *Arrest Teams* will only be deployed when there is a situation that requires heavier weapons, when there is a need to breach a building or when there is a constant, significant threat of attacks at a location.
  - d. An exception to this article is the deployment of specialized units for the purpose of training or education.
  - e. The command of a specialized unit, or the command of the *Koninklijke Marechaussee* or the *Korps Nationale Politie*, may, with approval of the unit leaders and the respective ministers, make exceptions for the deployment of specialized units through internal regulation.

#### **Article V Weapons**

1. It is hereby established that members of law enforcement agencies are permitted to use their service weapons for the following reasons:



- a. to arrest a person with regard to whom it can reasonably be assumed that they have a firearm ready for immediate use and will use it against persons;
  - b. to apprehend a person who attempts to evade or evade his arrest, detention or other lawful detention, and who is suspected of or convicted of the commission of a crime;
    - i. That seriously affects physical integrity or privacy, or
    - ii. That because of its consequence is or can be a threat to society.
  - c. to curb rebellious movements or other serious disorder, if there is an order from the competent authority and a closed action led by a superior.
2. In the cases referred to in the first paragraph, under a and b, the firearm will not be used, if the identity of the person to be apprehended is known and it can be reasonably assumed that the postponement of the arrest is not an unacceptable danger for the legal order.
  3. It is hereby established that members of law enforcement agencies may only take possession of a firearm:
    - a. in cases where the use of a firearm is permitted, or;
    - b. in connection with their safety or that of others, if it can reasonably be assumed that a situation arises, in which they are authorized to use a firearm.
  4. It is hereby established that if there is no longer a situation, as referred to in the above paragraph, the officer shall immediately store the firearm.
  5. It is hereby established that members of law enforcement agencies must immediately warn another before firing a firearm, in a loud voice or unmistakable manner, that if the given order is not followed, it will be fired. This warning, which can be replaced by a warning shot if necessary, is only to be omitted if circumstances do not permit the warning.
    - a. A warning shot must be fired in such a way that a danger to any bystanders or property is avoided as much as possible.
  6. It is hereby established that the usage of the Taser:
    - a. Is allowed to arrest a person who may reasonably be presumed to have a weapon ready for immediate use and to use it against a person;
    - b. Is allowed to apprehend a person who attempts to evade, or evade arrest, detention or any other lawful detention;
    - c. Is allowed in defense against or for controlling an aggressive person;
    - d. Is not allowed to arrest a person that forms no immediate danger to the official or the public;
    - e. Is not allowed to threaten a person to prevent fleeing;
    - f. Is not allowed to be used as a toy.
  7. It is hereby established that the usage of the baton:
    - a. Is allowed to keep persons at distance on a crime scene or any other scene where distance is required;
    - b. Is allowed to arrest a person who may reasonably be presumed to have a weapon ready for immediate use and to use it against a person;
    - c. Is allowed to apprehend a person who attempts to evade, or evade arrest, detention or any other lawful detention;
    - d. Is not allowed to arrest a person that forms no immediate danger to the official or the public;
    - e. Is not allowed to punish a person;



## Article VI Dutch Armed Forces

1. It is hereby established that members of the *Dutch Armed Forces*, excluding the *Koninklijke Marechaussee*, may only use their service firearm for the purpose of self defense or where allowed according to the [Antilles Tasks Document](#)
  - a. An exception to this is situations where the law enforcement agencies have requested the assistance of the *Dutch Armed Forces*, in which Article V applies.
  - b. An exception to this is situations where another person creates an immediate threat to the life of others, with a firearm or with explosives.
2. It is hereby established that every member of the *Dutch Armed Forces* and/or any law enforcement agency is to follow the law, regardless of their branch or rank within their branch.
3. It is hereby established that every member of the *Dutch Armed Forces* and/or any law enforcement agency, regardless of their branch or rank within their branch, is to follow the orders of any law enforcement agency if the orders are given with the intent to maintain law and order.
  - a. It is hereby established that a refusal to follow orders of a colleague, if the orders have the intent to maintain law and order, will be regarded as 'Ignoring an official order' conform Art. 71 WvS and Art. 43 WvMS.
4. It is hereby established that a zero-tolerance policy will be implemented in regards to disrespect for colleagues and/or superiors.
  - a. It is hereby established that a three-strike system will be implemented in regards to disrespect and that obtaining a fourth strike means the direct termination of one's service in the *Dutch Armed Forces* and/or any law enforcement agency.

## Article VII Breach Order

1. It is hereby established that law enforcement agencies, when preparing to breach a building, in Den Haag or The Antilles, must follow the proper breaching order. This order is as follows:
  - a. Arrest Teams
  - b. Object Protection Units
  - c. Koninklijke Marechaussee
  - d. Korps Nationale Politie
2. It is hereby established that, when there is a need for additional support, the law enforcement agencies may request the assistance of the *Dutch Armed Forces* for breaching a building.
  - a. Members of the *Dutch Armed Forces* that do not have access to a weapon capable of automatic fire, may not enter a building for the purpose of breaching.



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