

Summary Memorandum of Understanding | MHA Singapore - MOJS Netherlands *Cooperation in science and technology concerning homeland and civil security matters*

The Ministry of Home Affairs (“**MHA**”) of the Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Ministry of Justice and Security (“**MOJS**”) of the Government of the Netherlands have a mutual interest in research and development relating to homeland and civil security matters, in particular giving attention to the development of innovative solutions to increase people’s security while respecting universally recognised fundamental rights.

Both countries stress that physical and cyber-based critical infrastructure/key resources and other homeland/civil security capabilities, both governmental and private, are essential to the operation and security of the Participants’ respective economies, societies, and governments.

A strong international cooperation and experience sharing is conducive to counter homeland and civil security challenges. Close relations between international partners are necessary to efficiently anticipate, avert and handle security challenges.

Under this Memorandum of Understanding (“**MoU**”) both countries would like to increase the exchange of information and best practices on innovative solutions in the field of homeland and civil security. More specifically, on the development of technical standards, procedures and supporting methodologies that are necessary to implement innovative solutions and countermeasures, and to facilitate and promote joint research and development of projects.

The MoU represents a statement of intent by MHA and MOJS to collaborate. The participants will endeavour to collaborate under its international and national laws and policies, without prejudicing national priorities.

Future cooperative activities may include, but are not limited to, the areas of Forensics, Blockchain technology, Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity. Projects under the MoU can focus inter alia on the exchange of knowledge and innovations, on promoting joint research and on the development, testing and evaluation of prototype technologies. With prior mutual consent, MHA and MOJS may invite third party representatives in Singapore and the Netherlands to workshops organized under this MoU, or to implement objectives, if such third party may contribute to the MoU’s objectives.

The MoU has been signed in February 2019 and will be valid for five years. This MoU and resulting activities under this MoU will be subject to an annual mutual review by the Participants, preferably during the annual bilateral meetings in Singapore and the Netherlands.