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The Organisation for Joint Armaments Co-operation (OCCAR),

represented by

His Excellency Mr Patrick Bellouard  
OCCAR-EA Director

and

the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO),

represented by

His Excellency Mr Jaap de Hoop Scheffer  
Secretary General of NATO

Considering that OCCAR manages a number of armaments programmes which may require access to NATO classified information and material;

Considering that further intensified co-operation between OCCAR and NATO may be envisaged;

Realising that effective co-operation in these regards entails the exchange of sensitive and/or privileged information among the Parties;

Have agreed as follows :

## Article 1

The Parties shall :

- (i) protect and safeguard the information and material of the other Party;
- (ii) make every effort to ensure that, if it is classified, such information and material shall maintain the security classifications established by any Party with respect to information and material of that Party's origin and safeguard such information and material to agreed common standards;
- (iii) not use the exchanged information and material for purposes other than those laid down in the framework of the respective programmes and the decisions and resolutions pertaining to these programmes;
- (iv) not disclose such information and material to third parties and to States not mentioned in Article 2 without the consent of the originator.

## Article 2

Classified information or material disclosed or released, in accordance with the principle of originator control, by one Party, "the providing Party", to the other Party, "the receiving Party", may be disclosed or released to States which are members of NATO; and to other States which are members of OCCAR and have a valid security agreement with NATO.

## Article 3

- (i) The Parties shall ensure that all persons of their respective Organisation who, in the conduct of their official duties, require or may have access to information or material exchanged under the present Agreement are appropriately cleared before they are granted access to such information and material.
- (ii) The security clearance procedures shall be designed to determine whether an individual can, taking into account his or her loyalty and trustworthiness, have access to classified information and material without risk to its security.

#### Article 4

The NATO Office of Security (NOS), under the direction and on behalf of the Secretary General and the Chairman, NATO Military Committee, acting in the name of the North Atlantic Council and the NATO Military Committee and under their authority, is responsible for security arrangements for the protection of classified information and material exchanged under the present Agreement.

#### Article 5

OCCAR shall inform the NOS of the security authority with the similar responsibility. Separate Administrative Arrangements shall be worked out between OCCAR and NATO which shall cover, *inter alia*, the standards of the reciprocal security protection for the information and material to be exchanged and the liaison between the security authority of OCCAR and the NOS.

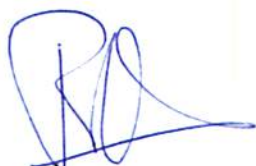
#### Article 6

Prior to the exchange of any classified information between OCCAR and NATO, the responsible security authorities shall reciprocally establish to their satisfaction that the receiving Party is prepared to protect the information and material it receives, as required by the originator.

In witness whereof the above-mentioned Representatives have signed the present Agreement.

Done in duplicate at Brussels, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For OCCAR



Patrick Bellouard

For the North Atlantic Treaty  
Organization



Jaap de Hoop Scheffer