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**SWEDEN
and
BELGIUM**

**Agreement on the protection of classified information
related to defence projects. Signed at Stockholm on
28 September 1981**

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Registered by Sweden on 17 April 1985.

**SUÈDE
et
BELGIQUE**

**Accord relatif à la protection des renseignements secrets
concernant des projets de défense. Signé à Stockholm le
28 septembre 1981**

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré par la Suède le 17 avril 1985.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM ON THE PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION RELATED TO DEFENCE PROJECTS

The Government of the Kingdom of Sweden and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, desirous of ensuring the protection of classified information related to defence projects which is exchanged between the competent authorities of the two countries or communicated from one country to the other in connection with government contracts or orders placed with industrial concerns, have agreed as follows:

Article 1. For the purpose of this agreement the term “classified information” means documents, material, equipment and information related to defence projects and given a security classification by the Government or a competent subordinate authority of the releasing country. This definition is independent of the means of transmission of the matter, e.g., whether it is transmitted orally, visually, electronically, in writing or by the handing over of material.

Article 2. The two parties undertake to apply the following general principles for the protection of classified information.

a) The information received will be afforded in the receiving country at least the same degree of security protection as in the releasing country.

b) The information supplied will not be used for any other purpose than that for which it is intended.

c) The information supplied will not be communicated or released to another State without the previous written consent of the releasing country.

Article 3. Access to classified information will be limited to those who need it in the performance of their duties, are known to be reliable and have the requisite knowledge of security protection. No one will be given access merely because of his rank or the position he holds.

Article 4. Proprietary rights, patents, trade secrets, copyright and similar rights relating to classified information transmitted between the two countries will be respected and protected as requested by the communicating Government and in accordance with the legislation in force in the receiving country.

Article 5. Details regarding the application of the foregoing principles will be the subject of separate arrangements to be concluded between the competent authorities of the two countries.

Article 6. This Agreement may be reviewed at any time at the request of either party.

This Agreement shall terminate six months from the date of a written notice given by either party to the other. Such termination will be without prejudice to any obligation or liability which may have been accepted under the terms of this Agreement.

¹ Came into force on 28 September 1981 by signature, in accordance with article 7.

Article 7. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.
DONE in duplicate at Stockholm this 28th day of September 1981.

For the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden:
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For the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium:
MARC TAYMANS
