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**AUSTRALIA
and
SWEDEN**

**Agreement on the protection of classified information of
defence interest. Signed at Stockholm on 14 August
1985**

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SUÈDE**

**Accord relatif à la protection de renseignements classés
secrets touchant à la défense. Signé à Stockholm le
14 août 1985**

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Enregistré par l'Australie le 7 juillet 1986.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN ON THE PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OF DE- FENCE INTEREST

The Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden, desirous of ensuring the protection of classified information of defence interest which is exchanged or communicated between the two countries, have agreed as follows:

Article 1. For the purpose of the Agreement, the term “classified information” means documents, material, equipment and information of defence interest and given a security classification by the Government or a competent authority of the releasing country. This definition includes information transmitted orally, visually, electronically, in writing or by the handing over of material.

Article 2. The two Governments shall apply the following rules for the protection of classified information:

- (a) The information received shall be afforded by the receiving Government at least the same degree of security protection as provided by the releasing Government;
- (b) The information supplied shall not be used for any other purpose than that for which it is intended;
- (c) The information supplied shall not be communicated or released to a third party without the previous written consent of the releasing Government.

Article 3. Access to classified information shall 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.

Article 4. Proprietary rights, patents, trade secrets, copyright and similar rights related to classified information transmitted between the two Governments shall be respected and protected in accordance with the legislation in force in the receiving country.

Article 5. Details regarding the application of this Agreement shall be the subject of an Arrangement to be concluded between the competent authorities of the two Governments. For this purpose, the competent authorities shall be:

- (a) For Australia: the Secretary, Department of Defence;
- (b) For Sweden: the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

Article 6. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature. It may be reviewed at any time on the written request of either Government. It shall remain in force until one Government gives written notice of its intention to terminate it, in which case this Agreement shall terminate six months after receipt of such notice. Such termination shall be without prejudice to any obligation or liability which may have been accepted under the terms of this Agreement.

¹ Came into force on 14 August 1985 by signature, in accordance with article 6.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of the two Governments, being duly authorized for this purpose, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Stockholm this 14th day of August 1985, in two original copies in the English language.

[Signed]

M. R. MCGOVERN
For the Government
of Australia

[Signed]

LENNART BODSTROM
For the Government
of the Kingdom of Sweden
