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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC RELAT- ING TO THE EXCHANGE AND COMMUNICATION OF CLASSI- FIED INFORMATION

The Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic, hereinafter called the Parties,

Desiring to ensure reciprocally the protection of classified information of defence interest which is exchanged between Australia and the French Republic,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. For the purpose of the present Agreement, the term “classified information” shall be taken in its widest sense, including all information of defence interest to which has been given a classification or other protective endorsement irrespective of the means of transmission used: in writing, orally, optically, by telecommunication, equipment or documents.

Article 2. Within the framework of their respective national legislation, the Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the reciprocal protection of classified information which is exchanged on the basis of cooperation between the competent national authorities of the Parties including that supplied within the framework of purchase orders, indents or contracts placed with public or private Australian or French establishments or derived from such classified information exchanged or communicated.

Such classified information shall have the benefit in the receiving country of protection identical to that given to national information of an equivalent level. The level of protection applied to this information shall not be modified without the prior written consent of the originating Party.

Article 3. Within the framework of their respective national legislation, the Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the know-how as well as the proprietary rights concerning the classified information including industrial proprietary rights are respected, that these rights are not conceded nor any classified information communicated to third parties without the prior written consent of the originating Party.

Article 4. The modalities for the application of the present Agreement shall be established by an Arrangement concluded between the Secretary, Department of Defence of Australia and the Secretary General of National Defence of the French Republic.

Article 5. The competent national security authorities within the framework of the present Agreement shall be:

- (a) For Australia: the Secretary, Department of Defence;
- (b) For France: le Secrétaire Général de la Défense Nationale.

¹ Came into force on 15 July 1985 by signature, in accordance with article 6.

Article 6. The present Agreement shall enter into force upon signature. It may be reviewed at any time on the written request of either Party. It shall remain in force until one Party gives written notice of its intention to denounce it, in which case the present Agreement shall terminate six months after receipt of the denunciation. The classified information exchanged or communicated under the terms of this Agreement shall then continue to be treated in conformity with the provisions herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of the Parties, being duly authorised for this purpose, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Paris on the 15 July 1985 in two copies, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government
of Australia:

[Signed]

For the Government
of the French Republic:

[Signed]²

¹ Signed by Peter C. Curtis.

² Signed by Ross.