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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**Agreement on the establishment of direct secure telephone
links between 10 Downing Street in London and the
Kremlin in Moscow. Signed at London on 9 November
1992**

Authentic texts: English and Russian.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
on 24 May 1993.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
FÉDÉRATION DE RUSSIE**

**Accord relatif à l'établissement de lignes de communication
directes et sûres entre le 10 Downing Street à Londres et
le Kremlin à Moscou. Signé à Londres le 9 novembre
1992**

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECT SECURE TELEPHONE LINKS BETWEEN 10 DOWNING STREET IN LONDON AND THE KREMLIN IN MOSCOW

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation;

Acting in the interests of the further development of mutually beneficial friendly relations between the two States;

Seeking to improve the reliability and security of telephonic communications between 10 Downing Street in London and the Kremlin in Moscow;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

For the purpose of increasing the quality, reliability and security of high-level telephone links, the Contracting Parties shall establish and bring into operation a direct encrypted telephone speech link between 10 Downing Street in London and the Kremlin in Moscow (hereinafter called "the Speech Link"). In accordance with the provisions of the present Agreement the Speech Link shall be operated without encryption until suitable encryption equipment can be installed.

ARTICLE II

1. For the purpose of the establishment, bringing into operation and subsequent use of the Speech Link, the Contracting Parties shall designate the agencies which will be responsible for arrangements regarding the Speech Link, its technical maintenance, continuity and reliability. These agencies shall by mutual agreement:

- (a) determine the configuration and technical parameters of the Speech Link and channels of communication and the specific types of equipment to be used;
- (b) work out recommendations and rules in accordance with which the operation of the Speech Link shall be carried out;
- (c) as necessary consider and resolve questions relating to the carrying out of possible changes in the configuration and working procedures of the Speech Link.

2. The operation of the Speech Link shall be carried out on the basis of recommendations signed by authorised representatives of the agencies of each Contracting Party. The recommendations may be amended by the same procedure.

¹ Came into force on 9 November 1992 by signature, in accordance with article VI.

ARTICLE III

1. The Speech Link shall comprise the following component parts:
 - (a) telephones;
 - (b) encryption systems;
 - (c) dedicated bearers.
2. Pending the development and availability of suitable encryption systems the Speech Link shall be established and operated without encryption. For the period of such operation procedures shall be established to take account of the insecurity of the Speech Link.
3. The Contracting Parties shall lease and maintain the two dedicated bearers.

ARTICLE IV

1. The Contracting Parties shall take measures to ensure that the Speech Link is established in the shortest possible time after signature of the present Agreement.
2. The terminal points of the Speech Link shall be equipped with encryption systems developed and made available at the earliest practicable date. The encryption system for one of the bearers shall be provided by the United Kingdom and the encryption system for the other bearer shall be provided by the Russian Federation. The Parties shall supply to each other full technical design information on their encryption systems to enable them to verify their adequacy for use with the Speech Link.

ARTICLE V

1. Expenditure on the establishment and operation of the Speech Link, with the exception of the encryption systems, shall be based on the principle that the cost of equipment and sectors of the lines within territorial boundaries shall be paid for respectively by each Contracting Party and that each Party shall pay for its own portion of the international sectors.
2. The cost of the encryption system for one bearer shall be borne in full by the United Kingdom and the cost of the encryption system for the other bearer shall be borne in full by the Russian Federation.
3. The United Kingdom and the Russian Federation shall each without charge provide encryption systems to the other. The number of systems to be supplied by one country to the other country shall be determined by the agency of the donor country.

ARTICLE VI

The present Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the Contracting Parties. It shall enter into force on the date of signature.

In witness whereof the Representatives of the two Governments have signed the present Agreement.

Done in duplicate at London this 9th day of November 1992 in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland:

CHALKER OF WALLASEY

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