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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN AND THE
FRENCH REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

The Kingdom of Spain and the French Republic, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Desiring to guarantee the security of classified information which, in the interest of national defence, is exchanged between the Parties, either in order to meet the needs of the Administration or in the context of activities entrusted to public or private agencies or establishments of either Party,

Considering the Agreement on Co-operation in defence matters signed on 7 October 1983² and in particular article 4 thereof, have agreed on the following provisions:

Article 1

Each of the two Parties, being aware of their national legislation concerning the security of classified information, declares that it is satisfied with the protection afforded by such legislation.

Article 2

For the purposes of this Agreement, “classified information” means any information which, in the national security interest of the sending Party and in accordance with its legislation, requires protection from unauthorized disclosure, as determined by the national authority concerned. It includes written, oral or visual information recorded in any manner on any physical material capable of storing or transporting it.

Article 3

Both Parties shall, in accordance with their national legislation, take appropriate measures to ensure the protection of classified information exchanged pursuant to this Agreement or to agreements, contracts or subcontracts established between the Parties. Such information shall receive the same protection afforded to national information of a similar nature.

Article 4

Detailed regulations concerning the organization of protection, the transmittal of information, security of persons and visits and inspections in connection with the exchange of classified material shall be established by agreement between the competent authorities of the two Parties.

¹ Came into force on 28 June 1990, the date of receipt of the last of the notifications (of 24 November 1989 and 25 June 1990) by which the Parties informed each other of the completion of the required procedures, in accordance with article 8.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1394, p. 241.