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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

FOR

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION (RDT&E) PROJECTS

Short Title: RDT&E MOA

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PREAMBLE

The Department of Defense of the United States of America (U.S. DoD) and the Ministry of Defense of the Italian Republic (IT MoD), hereinafter referred to as the "Parties":

Having a common interest in defense;

Recognizing the benefits to be obtained from rationalization, standardization, and interoperability of military equipment;

Considering the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Italy and the Government of the United States of America Concerning the Principles Governing Mutual Cooperation in the Research, Development, Production and Procurement of Defense Equipment, dated September 11, 1978, and its Annexes;

Seeking to make the best use of their respective research, development, test and evaluation capacities, eliminate unnecessary duplication of work, and obtain the most efficient and cost-effective results through cooperation in Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) Projects; and

Recognizing the need to develop collectively emerging technologies to field technologically superior weapons;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The Parties have agreed upon the following definitions and abbreviations for terms used in this RDT&E MOA and PAs under this MOA:

1.1. Definitions:

Classified Information	Official information that requires protection in the interests of national security and is so designated by the application of a security classification marking. It may be in oral, visual, magnetic, or documentary form, or in the form of equipment or technology.
Contract	Any mutually binding legal relationship that obligates a Contractor to furnish supplies or services, and obligates one or both of the Parties to pay for them.
Contracting	The obtaining of supplies or services by Contract from sources outside the government organizations of the Parties. Contracting includes description of supplies and services required, solicitation and selection of sources, preparation, and award of Contracts, and all phases of Contract administration.
Contracting Agency	The entity within the government organization of a Party that has authority to enter into, administer, or terminate Contracts.
Contracting Officer	A person representing a Contracting Agency of a Party who has the authority to enter into, administer, or terminate Contracts.
Contractor	Any entity awarded a Contract by a Party's Contracting Agency.
Contractor Support Personnel	Persons specifically identified as providing administrative, managerial, scientific, or technical support services to a Party under a support Contract.