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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBURG
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
ON
THE EXCHANGE AND MUTUAL PROTECTION
OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

The Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg

and

The Government of the Italian Republic

hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

wishing to ensure the protection of Classified Information in accordance with their national laws and regulations exchanged between the Parties or between public and private entities under their jurisdiction, in respect of national interests and security,

recognising the need to establish common security regulations for the protection of Classified Information, also in relation to the possibility of implementing technical cooperation agreements and developing contractual activities between the Parties,

have agreed on the following:

ARTICLE 1

OBJECTIVE

In accordance with their national laws and regulations and in respect of national interests and security as well as of industrial activities both Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the protection of Classified Information, which is transmitted or generated according to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement these terms mean the following:

- a) **Classified Information:** Any information, regardless of its form, transmitted or generated between the Parties, to which a security classification has been assigned in accordance with the national laws and regulations of the Parties.
- b) **Competent Security Authority:** A competent entity authorised according to the national laws and regulations of the Parties that is responsible for the implementation of this Agreement.
- c) **Originating Party:** The Party, including any public or private entity under its jurisdiction, which releases Classified Information to the Recipient Party.

- d) **Recipient Party:** The Party, including any public or private entity under its jurisdiction, which receives Classified Information from the Originating Party.
- e) **Need-to-Know:** A principle by which access to Classified Information may be granted to an individual only in connection with his official duties or tasks.
- f) **Personnel Security Clearance:** A positive decision following a vetting procedure in accordance with the national laws and regulations, on the basis of which an individual is authorised to have access to and to handle Classified Information up to the level defined in the decision.
- g) **Facility Security Clearance:** A positive decision following a vetting procedure certifying that a contractor which is a legal entity fulfils the conditions of handling Classified Information in accordance with the national laws and regulations of one of the Parties.
- h) **Contractor:** A public or private entity possessing the legal capacity to conclude contracts or subcontracts.
- i) **Classified Contract:** A contract with a Contractor which contains or implies the knowledge of Classified Information.
- j) **Third Party:** A state, including any public or private entity under its jurisdiction, or an international organisation that is not a Party to this Agreement.
- k) **Visit:** Access to public or private entities, for the purpose of this Agreement, which includes access to and handling of Classified Information.

ARTICLE 3

COMPETENT SECURITY AUTHORITIES

- (1) The Competent Security Authorities designated by the Parties as responsible for the general implementation and the relevant controls of all aspects of this Agreement are:

In the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg:
Service de Renseignement de l'Etat
Autorité nationale de Sécurité

In the Italian Republic:
Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri - Autorità Nazionale per la Sicurezza
Dipartimento delle Informazioni per la Sicurezza (DIS) - UCSe.

- (2) The Competent Security Authorities shall notify each other of any other Competent Security Authorities that are responsible for the implementation of this Agreement.
- (3) The Parties shall inform each other through diplomatic channels of any subsequent changes of the Competent Security Authorities.
- (4) In order to achieve and maintain comparable standards of security, the Competent Security Authorities shall, on request, provide each other with information about their national security standards, procedures and practices for the protection of Classified Information. To this aim the Competent Security Authorities may visit each other.
- (5) The Competent Security Authorities shall ensure a strict and binding observance of this Agreement by any public and private entity of the Parties in accordance with their national laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 4

SECURITY CLASSIFICATIONS

- (1) Classified Information released under this Agreement shall be marked with the appropriate security classification level in accordance with the national laws and regulations of the Parties.
- (2) The following national security classification markings are equivalent:

Grand Duchy of Luxemburg	Italian Republic
TRES SECRET LUX	SEGRETISSIMO
SECRET LUX	SEGRETO
CONFIDENTIEL LUX	RISERVATISSIMO
RESTREINT LUX	RISERVATO