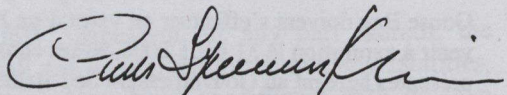


I have the honour to inform you that my Government concurs in the provisions set out in your Note No. 0184, and that your Note, which is equally authentic in both English and French, and this Note in reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on this date.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Rome, 3 September 1999

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlo Scognamiglio Pasini', written in a cursive style.

The Minister of Defence
Sen. Prof. Carlo Scognamiglio Pasini