

GENERAL SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OF DEFENCE INTEREST

The Government of Canada and the Government of the French Republic, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

WISHING to ensure the protection of all classified information of defence interest exchanged between the competent Authorities of the two countries or supplied to French and Canadian private and public agencies in connection with contractual or pre-contractual arrangements containing secrecy protection clauses;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties, within the framework of their national laws, shall take all appropriate action to ensure the security of the classified information that they are required to exchange while negotiating or executing agreements, contracts or subcontracts approved by the Parties. This information shall be accorded identical protection to that given national information of equivalent classification.

For the purposes of this Agreement, "classified information" includes information, documents and material of any type bearing, as assigned by one of the Parties, one of the levels of classification or protection set forth in Article 4 below, regardless of whether it is transmitted in writing, orally or visually.

ARTICLE 2

The competent national security authorities responsible for the execution of this Agreement are:

- For France: The General Secretary of National Defence
- For Canada: The Director, Security Branch, Department of Supply and Services