

established procedures for resolution of certain claims arising from damage to property and death or injury to persons caused in connection with the operation of the North Atlantic Treaty. I have, still, further, the honor to refer to the NATO Agreement on the Communication of Technical Information for Defense Purposes signed at Brussels on October 19, 1970, which, inter alia, provides that Recipient States who receive in confidence proprietary technical information for defense purposes are responsible for safeguarding it and that the owners of proprietary technical information which has been communicated for defense purposes who are damaged through the unauthorized disclosure or use of the information by a Recipient State or by someone to whom this Recipient has disclosed the information must be compensated by the Recipient.

In consideration of the above, I have the honor to propose that whenever our national defense organizations, within the limits of defense responsibilities and authorities as established by each Party, undertake to cooperate in writing, such arrangements shall be subject to this Agreement between the Parties concerning certain mutual defense commitments as to the following matters:

1. a) As regards issues of liability, the provisions of the NATO SOFA apply pursuant to their terms.
- b) For issues of liability where the NATO SOFA does not apply, the following shall apply: