

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY FOR
CO-OPERATION REGARDING ATOMIC INFORMATION

PREAMBLE

The Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty, signed at Washington on 4th April, 1949,*

Recognising that their mutual security and defence requires that they be prepared to meet the contingencies of atomic warfare, and

Recognising that their common interests will be advanced by making available to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization information pertinent thereto, and

Taking into consideration the United States Atomic Energy Act of 1954, which was prepared with these purposes in mind,

Acting on their own behalf and on behalf of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization,

Agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. While the North Atlantic Treaty Organization continues to make substantial and material contributions to the common defence efforts, the United States will from time to time make available to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, including its civil and military agencies and commands, atomic information which the Government of the United States of America deems necessary to:

- (a) the development of defence plans;
- (b) the training of personnel in the employment of and defence against atomic weapons; and
- (c) the evaluation of the capabilities of potential enemies in the employment of atomic weapons.

2. As used in this Agreement so far as concerns information provided by the United States, "atomic information" means Restricted Data, as defined in Section 11 r of the United States Atomic Energy Act of 1954, which is permitted to be communicated pursuant to the provisions of Section 144 b of that Act, and information relating primarily to the military utilisation of atomic weapons which has been removed from the Restricted Data category in accordance with the provisions of Section 142 d of the United States Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

3. All transfers by the Government of the United States of America of atomic information will be made in compliance with the provisions of the United States Atomic Energy Act of 1954, and subsequent applicable United States legislation. Under this Agreement there will be no transfers of atomic weapons or special nuclear material, as these terms are defined in Section 11 d and Section 11 t of the United States Atomic Energy Act of 1954. (The Sections of the United States Atomic Energy Act of 1954 referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article are attached).

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