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

Reaffirming that effective political consultation, cooperation and planning for defence in achieving the objectives of the Treaty entail the exchange of classified information among the Parties;

Considering that provisions between the Governments of the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty for the mutual protection and safeguarding of the classified information they may interchange are necessary;

Realising that a general framework for security standards and procedures is required;

Acting on their own behalf and on behalf of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, have agreed as follows:

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