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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**Agreement on the establishment of direct secure telephone
links between 10 Downing Street in London and the
Kremlin in Moscow. Signed at London on 9 November
1992**

Authentic texts: English and Russian.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
on 24 May 1993.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
FÉDÉRATION DE RUSSIE**

**Accord relatif à l'établissement de lignes de communication
directes et sûres entre le 10 Downing Street à Londres et
le Kremlin à Moscou. Signé à Londres le 9 novembre
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECT SECURE TELEPHONE LINKS BETWEEN 10 DOWNING STREET IN LONDON AND THE KREMLIN IN MOSCOW

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation;

Acting in the interests of the further development of mutually beneficial friendly relations between the two States;

Seeking to improve the reliability and security of telephonic communications between 10 Downing Street in London and the Kremlin in Moscow;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

For the purpose of increasing the quality, reliability and security of high-level telephone links, the Contracting Parties shall establish and bring into operation a direct encrypted telephone speech link between 10 Downing Street in London and the Kremlin in Moscow (hereinafter called "the Speech Link"). In accordance with the provisions of the present Agreement the Speech Link shall be operated without encryption until suitable encryption equipment can be installed.

ARTICLE II

1. For the purpose of the establishment, bringing into operation and subsequent use of the Speech Link, the Contracting Parties shall designate the agencies which will be responsible for arrangements regarding the Speech Link, its technical maintenance, continuity and reliability. These agencies shall by mutual agreement:
 - (a) determine the configuration and technical parameters of the Speech Link and channels of communication and the specific types of equipment to be used;
 - (b) work out recommendations and rules in accordance with which the operation of the Speech Link shall be carried out;
 - (c) as necessary consider and resolve questions relating to the carrying out of possible changes in the configuration and working procedures of the Speech Link.
2. The operation of the Speech Link shall be carried out on the basis of recommendations signed by authorised representatives of the agencies of each Contracting Party. The recommendations may be amended by the same procedure.

¹ Came into force on 9 November 1992 by signature, in accordance with article VI.