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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA
AND
THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN
ON THE MUTUAL PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED
INFORMATION

The Republic of Latvia
and
the Kingdom of Spain

Hereafter referred to as "Parties",

Being aware of the important role of the co-operation between the two countries for strengthening the international security and peace,

Intending to ensure the mutual protection of all Classified Information, which has been classified in one Party and transferred to the other Party,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Applicability

1. This Agreement sets out procedures for the protection of Classified Information exchanged between the Parties and falling under the responsibility of the respective National Security Authorities.
2. This Agreement may not be invoked by either Party in order to obtain Classified Information that the other Party has received from a Third Party.

ARTICLE 2

Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement:

1. "Classified Information" means information, documents or materials classified by the competent authorities according to national laws and regulations, which require protection against unauthorised disclosure.
2. "Classified Material" means any item of machinery or equipment, or device classified due to the information that may be collected or originated by it and that may affect national security.
3. "Classified Document" means any recorded classified information regardless of physical form or characteristics, e.g. written or printed matter (inter alia, letter, drawing, plan), computer storage media (inter alia, hard

disc, diskette, chip, magnetic tape, CD), photograph and video recording, optical or electronic reproduction of them.

4. "Receiving Party" means the Party to which the Classified Information is transmitted.

5. "Originating Party" means the Party initiating the Classified Information.

6. "National Security Authority" means the authority designated by a Party as being responsible for the implementation and supervision of this Agreement. Such authorities are listed in Article 4 of this Agreement.

7. "Contractor" means an individual or a legal entity possessing the legal capability to undertake contracts.

8. "Classified Contract" means an agreement between two or more Contractors creating and defining enforceable rights and obligations between them, which contains or involves Classified Information.

9. "Third Party" means any State or international organisation that is not Party to this Agreement.

10. "Need to Know" means that access to Classified Information may only be granted to a person who has a verified need to know by virtue of his/her official and professional duties, within the framework of which the information was released to the Receiving Party.

ARTICLE 3

Security classifications

1. The security classifications and their equivalents of the Parties are:

Republic of Latvia	Equivalent in English	Kingdom of Spain
SEVIŠKI SLEPENI	TOP SECRET	SECRETO
SLEPENI	SECRET	RESERVADO
KONFIDENCIĀLI	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENCIAL
DIENESTA VAJADZĪBĀM	RESTRICTED	DIFUSION LIMITADA

2. The Receiving Party shall neither downgrade nor declassify the received classified information without the prior written consent of the Originating Party. The Originating Party shall inform the Receiving Party of any changes in security classification of the exchanged information.

ARTICLE 4

National security authorities

1. The National Security Authorities of the Parties, responsible for the implementation and supervision of this Agreement, are the following:

For the Republic of Latvia:

Constitution Protection Bureau
Miera 85^a
Riga, LV 1013
Latvia

For the Kingdom of Spain:

Secretary of State, Director of the National Intelligence Centre
National Security Office
Avda. Padre Huidobro, s/n
28023 Madrid
Spain

2. In order to achieve and maintain comparable standards of security, the respective National Security Authorities shall, on request, provide each other with information about their security standards, procedures and practices for safeguarding Classified Information.

3. The National Security Authorities may agree on implementation procedures to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

Protection of classified information

The Receiving Party shall: