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**Lithuania  
and  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

**Security Arrangement between the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the mutual protection of classified information. Vilnius, 1 August 2006**

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**Lituanie  
et  
Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord**

**Accord de sécurité entre le Gouvernement de la République de Lituanie et le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord relatif à la protection mutuelle des informations classifiées. Vilnius, 1 août 2006**

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SECURITY ARRANGEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
CONCERNING  
THE MUTUAL PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants").

Aiming to strengthen co-operation between them in the field of national security;

Realising that this co-operation may require the exchange of classified information generated by or for the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania or the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or of classified information under their jurisdiction or control, and which requires protection in the interests of national security of the Participants;

Wishing to ensure the protection of such classified information;

Have decided as follows:

### **Section 1**

#### **General Provisions**

1. The following terms are defined in the interests of clarity:

- a) **"classified information"** means any information which is considered an official or State secret that requires protection against loss, unauthorised disclosure or compromise and has so been designated by a security classification;
- b) **"classified material"** includes any item of machinery or equipment or weapons, either manufactured or in the process of manufacture, or document containing classified information;
- c) **"classified document"** means classified information contained in any written form;
- d) **"contractor"** means an individual or legal entity possessing the legal capacity to undertake classified contracts;
- e) **"classified contract"** means a contract that contains or involves classified information;
- f) **"designated security authority (DSA)"** means the authority responsible for the implementation of this Arrangement on behalf of each Participant. The DSA in each Participant is:

**For the Republic of Lithuania**  
Ministry of National Defence

**For the United Kingdom**  
Director of Defence Security, Ministry of Defence

The above mentioned Authorities will exchange details about the implementation aspects of this Arrangement including the details of any subordinate bodies responsible for specific administrative aspects.

g) **“originating Participant”** means the Participant initiating the classified information as represented by the DSA;

h) **“recipient Participant”** means the Participant to which the classified information is transmitted as represented by the DSA.

i) **“third party”** means a State, international organisation or any other entity which is not a Participant to this Arrangement, an individual who is not a citizen of the country of either of the Participants or an individual who holds the dual citizenship of a third State.

2. The security classifications used by the Participants are:

**In the Republic of Lithuania**

RIBOTO NAUDOJIMO  
KONFIDENCIALIAI  
SLAPTAI  
VISIŠKAI SLAPTAI

**In the United Kingdom**

UK RESTRICTED  
UK CONFIDENTIAL  
UK SECRET  
UK TOP SECRET

The Participants' security classifications detailed above are to be considered as equivalent.

3. All classified information transmitted between the Participants before this Arrangement came into effect is to be protected in compliance with its provisions.

**Section 2**  
**Supplementary or Separate Arrangements**

1. Supplementary or separate Arrangements between the DSAs may be concluded if required.

2. In the event that classified information at Lithuanian VISIŠKAI SLAPTAI or the UK TOP SECRET level is to be exchanged between the DSAs, a specific supplementary Arrangement will be concluded.

3. The exchange of classified information relating to Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) or intelligence will need to be the subject of separate arrangements.

### **Section 3**

#### **National Responsibilities**

1. The Participants will, in accordance with their national laws and regulations, take all necessary steps to ensure the protection of classified information which is transferred pursuant to this Arrangement or to which a contractor gains access under a classified contract. Each Participant will promptly notify the other of any changes to its national laws and regulations that would affect the protection of any classified information received under this Arrangement.

2. Access to classified information at Lithuanian KONFIDENCIALIAI and SLAPTAI and the UK CONFIDENTIAL/UK SECRET levels will be granted only to individuals who have been appropriately security cleared and who are authorised by national laws and regulations to have access to classified information. However, no individual is entitled solely by virtue of rank or appointment or security clearance to have access to classified information. Access to it will be granted only to those individuals who have a need to know and who require access in order to perform their duties.

3. Access to classified information at Lithuanian RIBOTO NAUDOJIMO and the UK RESTRICTED levels does not require a personal security clearance.

### **Section 4**

#### **Protection and Disclosure**

1. The originating Participant will ensure that the classification of information released to the recipient Participant is clearly marked and that the recipient Participant is informed of any conditions of release or limitations on its use, and of any subsequent change in classification.

2. The recipient Participant will not pass or disclose any classified information supplied under the provisions of this Arrangement to a third party without the prior written permission of the originating Participant.

3. The recipient Participant will take all steps legally available to it to keep classified information transmitted to it by the originating Participant free from disclosure under any legislative provision or other rule of law, unless the originating Participant consents to such disclosure. If there is any request to declassify or disclose any classified information transmitted under the provisions of this Arrangement, the recipient Participant will immediately notify the originating Participant and both Participants will consult each other before any decision is taken.

4. The recipient Participant will protect classified information in accordance with the national laws and regulations applicable to national classified information of an equivalent classification originated by the recipient Participant. However, exceptionally either Participant may ask the other to afford protection at a higher level but not at a lower level than the classification indicated.

5. The recipient Participant will not use the classified information for other than the purpose for which it was provided.