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and
North Atlantic Treaty Organization**

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**SECURITY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
IRELAND
AND
THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION**

SECURITY AGREEMENT

Ireland,

represented by

His Excellency Eamonn Ryan
Ambassador of Ireland,

and

the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO),

represented by

The Rt. Hon. Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, PC
Secretary General of NATO,

Considering that Ireland is a Co-operative Partner State;

Having agreed to consult on political and security-related issues and expand and intensify political and military co-operation throughout Europe;

Realising that effective co-operation in these regards entails the exchange of sensitive and/or privileged information among the Parties;

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The Parties shall :

- (i) protect and safeguard the information and material of the other Party;
- (ii) make every effort to ensure that, if it is classified, such information and material shall maintain the security classifications established by any Party with respect to information and material of that Party's origin and safeguard such information and material to agreed common standards;
- (iii) not use the exchanged information and material for purposes other than those laid down in the framework of the respective programmes and the decisions and resolutions pertaining to these programmes;
- (iv) not disclose such information and material to third parties without the consent of the originator.

Article 2

- (i) The Government of Ireland accepts the commitment to have all persons of its nationality who, in the conduct of their official duties, require or may have access to information or material exchanged under the co-operative activities approved by the North Atlantic Council appropriately cleared before they are granted access to such information and material.
- (ii) The security clearance procedures shall be designed to determine whether an individual can, taking into account his loyalty and trustworthiness, have access to classified information without risk to its security.

Article 3

The NATO Office of Security (NOS), under the direction and on behalf of the Secretary General and the Chairman, NATO Military Committee, acting in the name of the North Atlantic Council and the NATO Military Committee and under their authority, is responsible for security arrangements for the protection of classified information exchanged within the co-operative activities approved by the North Atlantic Council.

Article 4

The Government of Ireland shall inform the NOS of the security authority with the similar national responsibility. Separate Administrative Arrangements shall be worked out between the Government of Ireland and NATO which shall cover i.a. the standards of the reciprocal security protection for the information to be exchanged and the liaison between the security authority of Ireland and NOS.

Article 5

Prior to the exchange of any classified information between the Government of Ireland and NATO, the responsible security authorities shall reciprocally establish to their satisfaction that the recipient Party is prepared to protect the information it receives, as required by the originator.

In witness whereof the above-mentioned Representatives have signed the present Agreement.

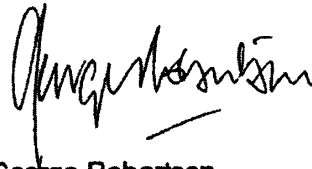
Done in duplicate at Brussels, this 24th day of May 2000, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For Ireland

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Eamonn Ryan

For the North Atlantic Treaty
Organization

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'George Robertson', with a stylized, cursive script.

George Robertson