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*Security Agreement
between
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*Ireland and Western European Union (WEU), hereinafter referred to as
"the Parties"*

- *considering the Declaration following the Extraordinary Meeting of the
WEU Council of Ministers with States of Central Europe in Bonn
on 19 June 1992,*
- *considering the Kirchberg Declaration by the WEU Council of
Ministers on 9 May 1994,*
- *considering the decisions taken by the WEU Council of Ministers at
Noordwijk on 14 November 1994,*
- *considering that effective cooperation entails the exchange between the Parties
of classified information and material,*

having agreed to consultation within the framework of relations and cooperation set out in the Petersberg Declaration by the WEU Council of Ministers on 19 June 1992 for humanitarian-type missions, peacekeeping missions and crisis management operations,

have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The Parties shall :

- 1) protect and safeguard the classified information and material provided by either Party or that may be provided or produced under this Agreement,*
- 2) maintain the security classification established by the other Party with respect to information and material originating from that Party and safeguard such information and material accordingly,*
- 3) not use such information and material for purposes other than those established by the originator and those for which the information is exchanged,*
- 4) not disclose such information and material to third parties without the consent of the originating authority.*

Article 2

Pursuant to Article 1 of this Agreement, Ireland shall designate a national security authority and a security organisation and establish programmes, founded on the basic principles and minimum standards of security as defined in the W&U Security Regulations, which shall be implemented in the security systems of the Parties to ensure that a common standard of protection is applied. Moreover, Ireland is prepared to apply the W&U Security Regulations for the protection of W&U classified information.

Article 3

- 1) The Parties shall ensure that all persons under their authority who, in the conduct of their official duties, require or may have access to classified information or material exchanged under this Agreement have been investigated, appropriately security-cleared and thoroughly briefed on their security responsibilities before they are granted access to such information and material.*
- 2) The security clearance procedures shall be designed to determine whether an individual can, taking into account his or her loyalty and trustworthiness, have access to classified information without this constituting a security risk, as defined in the W&U Security Regulations.*

Article 4

The Parties shall provide mutual assistance with regard to security matters of common interest, arising within the framework of this Agreement.

Article 5

- 1) The Government of Ireland shall ensure that the relevant provisions of this Agreement are applied by Ireland. The WZU Council shall ensure that the relevant provisions of this Agreement are applied by WZU.*
- 2) Under the direction and on behalf of the WZU Council the Secretary-General of the WZU is responsible for security arrangements for the protection of classified information and material exchanged under this Agreement.*
- 3) On behalf of the Government of Ireland, the National Security Authority of Ireland is responsible for security arrangements for the protection of classified information and material exchanged under this Agreement.*
- 4) Reciprocal arrangements shall be worked out between Ireland and WZU to define:*
 - the security standards applied by the Parties for the protection, in conformity with the WZU classification levels established in accordance with WZU criteria, of the classified information to be exchanged;*
 - and the liaison between Ireland and WZU.*