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**United States of America  
and  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretary of Defense on behalf of the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the cooperative framework for engineering and manufacturing development of the joint strike fighter. Washington, 17 January 2001**

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**États-Unis d'Amérique  
et  
Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord**

**Mémorandum d'accord entre le Secrétaire de la défense au nom du Département de la défense des États-Unis d'Amérique et le Secrétaire d'État de la défense du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord concernant le cadre de coopération pour l'ingénierie et le développement de la fabrication des avions de combat interarmées. Washington, 17 janvier 2001**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF  
DEFENSE ON  
BEHALF OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE  
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
CONCERNING THE COOPERATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR ENGINEERING AND  
MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER  
(Short Title - JSF EMD Framework MOU)

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Secretary of Defense on behalf of the Department of Defense of the United States of America (U.S. DoD) and the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (U.K. MOD):

Having a common interest in defense;

Recognizing the benefits to be obtained from standardization, rationalization, and interoperability of military equipments;

Desiring to improve their mutual conventional defense capabilities through the application of emerging technology;

Having a mutual need for the development of the Joint Strike Fighter to satisfy similar operational requirements; and

Recognizing the benefits of cooperation in the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program;

Have reached the following understandings:

SECTION I  
DEFINITIONS

The Participants have jointly decided upon the following definitions for terms used in this MOU and its Supplements:

Acquisition Program Baseline	A document approved by the U.S. DoD milestone decision authority at the initiation of an acquisition program that describes the important cost, schedule, and performance parameters of the program, and which is updated for each U.S. DoD major milestone decision as well as for a program restructure or a major program deviation.
Affordability Initiatives	The development, assessment, demonstration and implementation of efforts that will potentially reduce the components of life cycle costs in order to promote greater JSF Program stability and long term affordability.
Air System	The JSF Air System consists of two inter-related elements: Air Vehicle and Autonomic Logistics System that operate within the context of external interfaces and environments.
Air System Life Cycle Plan	A plan developed by the JSF prime Contractor that baselines the products of EMD and provides a plan for processes and procedures that will support cost-effective Air System capability. This plan addresses, but is not limited to, the operational Air System description, operational employment concepts, Air System functional allocations, Air Vehicle features and characteristics, Autonomic Logistics System capability features and characteristics, diminished manufacturing sources management plan, software development and support plans, and production manufacturing plans.
Air Vehicle	The Air Vehicle includes the three variants of the aircraft and the on-board hardware and software necessary to perform assigned missions, autonomous operation and communication with off-board systems.