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THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE
NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION CONSULTATION, COMMAND
AND CONTROL ORGANIZATION (NC3O)
CONCERNING
AIR COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE
CAPABILITIES

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PREAMBLE

The Department of Defense (DOD) of the United States of America, as represented by the Department of the Air Force, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Consultation, Command and Control Organization, as represented by the General Manager, NATO Consultation, Command and Control Agency (NC3A), hereinafter referred to as the "Parties":

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 Air Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence Capabilities to satisfy common operational requirements;

Having independently conducted studies, research, exploratory development, and testing of the applications of various technologies, recognize the benefits of cooperation in the Air Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence Capabilities;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

The Parties have agreed upon the following definitions for terms used in this Agreement:

C3I	<p>Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence represents the full spectrum of air campaign planning culminating in the commitment of a force to battle. In exercising direction and control of the air battle, the Joint Forces Air Component Commander (JFACC) conducts the following specific tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The determination of when and where to apply air power in concert with the force commanders.The creation of conditions to give the supported forces the best chance of success.The adjustment of the air campaign according to mission results and the revised intentions of the joint force commander.The exploitation of opportunities arising from combat, often within a limited time frame.
CAOC	<p>Combined Air Operations Center. The CAOC plans air operations in accordance with orders and directives received from its higher headquarters. This includes the planning of offensive, defensive and support missions, as well as the development of an air defense posture within an assigned area. The CAOC develops air tasking orders tasking subordinate units to execute the planned air operations.</p>
Classified Information	<p>Official information that requires protection in the interests of national security and/or NATO and is so designated by the application of a security classification marking.</p>
Contract	<p>Any mutually binding legal relationship which obligates a Contractor to furnish supplies or services, and obligates one or both of the Parties to pay for them.</p>
Contracting	<p>The obtaining of supplies or services by Contract from sources outside the organizations of the Parties.</p>