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

Exchange of notes constituting an arrangement between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the mutual protection of protectively marked information. Berlin, 31 March 2014 and 23 April 2014

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

Échange de notes constituant un arrangement entre le Gouvernement de la République fédérale d'Allemagne et le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord relatif à la protection mutuelle des renseignements sensibles confidentiels. Berlin, 31 mars 2014 et 23 avril 2014

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See paragraph 5	VS-VERTRAULICH
UK OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE	VS-NUR FÜR DEN DIENSTGEBRAUCH

5. The UK will afford VS-VERTRAULICH classified information an equivalent level of protection as it would for UK SECRET. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland through the UK National Security Authority has reassured the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany as represented by the German National Security Authority that the UK will not re-mark VS-VERTRAULICH classified information in its possession, and that national policy will set out guidance on how unintentional escalation will be avoided.

If the arrangements set out above are acceptable to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the British Embassy has the honour to suggest that this Note and the Federal Foreign Office's reply to that effect will place on record the understanding of our two Governments in this matter which will come into effect on the date of Federal Foreign Office's reply.

The British Embassy Berlin avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany the assurance of its highest consideration."

British Embassy Berlin

31 March 2014



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Note Verbale

The Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and has the honour to confirm receipt of the Embassy's Note Verbale No. 31/2014 dated 31 March 2014 referring to the London Agreement of 9 May 2003 between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the Mutual Protection of Protectively Marked Information ("the Agreement"), which reads as follows:

[See Note I]

The Federal Foreign Office has the honour to inform the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany agrees to the proposals made by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Accordingly, Note Verbale No. 31/2014 of the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dated 31 March 2014 and this Note in reply thereto shall constitute an Arrangement between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall enter into force on the date of this Note Verbale and whose German and English texts shall be equally authentic.

The Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the assurance of its high consideration.

Berlin, 23 April 2014