

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN
AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
ON THE SECURITY OF INFORMATION AND MATERIAL

The Government of Japan

and

the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)

Considering that Japan and NATO share common values, as well as a mutual sense of responsibility towards global security challenges;

Having agreed to consult on political and security-related issues of common interest and expand and intensify co-operation in these regards;

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

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall:

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

Article 2

- (i) The Government of Japan is committed 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 appropriately cleared before they are granted access to such information or material.
- (ii) NATO is committed to have all persons who, in the conduct of their official duties, require or may have access to information or material exchanged under the co-operative activities appropriately cleared before they are granted access to such information or material.
- (iii) The security clearance procedures shall be designed to determine whether an individual, taking into account his or her trustworthiness and reliability, can have access to classified information or material without risk to its security.

Article 3

- (i) 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 or material exchanged within co-operative activities.
- (ii) The Government of Japan shall inform the NOS of the security authority with the similar national responsibility.

Article 4

Separate administrative arrangements shall be worked out between the Government of Japan and NATO which shall cover inter alia the standards of the reciprocal security protection for the information or material to be exchanged and the liaison between the security authority of Japan and the NOS.

Article 5

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

Article 6

- (i) The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.
- (ii) The present Agreement shall remain in force for a period of one year and shall be automatically extended annually thereafter, unless either Party notifies the other in writing, through diplomatic channels, ninety days in advance of its intention to terminate the present Agreement.
- (iii) Notwithstanding the termination of the present Agreement, all information or material of the other Party shall continue to be protected in accordance with the provisions of the present Agreement.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at Brussels on the 25th day of June 2010, in duplicate in the Japanese, English and French languages, all texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of Japan

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Organisation

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