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**Security Agreement between
the Government of Ireland and
the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
(and associated Code of Conduct)**

Done at Brussels on 24 May 2000

Entered into force on 24 May 2000

Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

**SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND
AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
(AND ASSOCIATED CODE OF CONDUCT)**

Ireland,

represented by

His Excellency Eamonn Ryan
Ambassador of Ireland,

and

the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO),

represented by

The Rt. Hon. Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, PC
Secretary General of NATO

Considering that Ireland is a Co-operative Partner State;

Having agreed to consult on political and security-related issues and expand and intensify political and military co-operation throughout Europe;

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

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall:

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

Article 2

- (i) The Government of Ireland accepts the commitment 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 approved by the North Atlantic Council appropriately cleared before they are granted access to such information and material.
- (ii) The security clearance procedures shall be designed to determine whether an individual can, taking into account his loyalty and trustworthiness, have access to classified information without risk to its security.

Article 3

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 exchanged within the co-operative activities approved by the North Atlantic Council.

Article 4

The Government of Ireland shall inform the NOS of the security authority with the similar national responsibility. Separate Administrative Arrangements shall be worked out between the Government of Ireland and NATO which shall cover i.a. the standards of the reciprocal security protection for the information to be exchanged and the liaison between the security authority of Ireland and NOS.

Article 5

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-mentioned Representatives have signed the present Agreement

DONE in duplicate at Brussels, this 24th day of May 2000, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

FOR IRELAND

Eamonn Ryan

**FOR THE NORTH
ATLANTIC TREATY
ORGANISATION**

George Robertson

CODE OF CONDUCT

Ireland,

represented by
His Excellency Eamonn Ryan
Ambassador of Ireland

Considering that within the framework of co-operative activities approved by the North Atlantic Council, Co-operative Partner States are invited by the North Atlantic Council to participate in political and military bodies at NATO Headquarters and in a separate Partnership Co-ordination Cell at Mons (Belgium);

Considering that the North Atlantic Council has requested that Co-operative Partner States commit themselves not to exploit the facilities offered by NATO in respect thereof for activities incompatible with the principles of co-operation underlying the partnership, and/or detrimental to the national interests of the member nations of the Alliance,

Hereby declares itself so committed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, plenipotentiary has affixed his signature on this “Code of Conduct”

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DONE in duplicate at Brussels, this 24th day of May 2000, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

FOR IRELAND

Eamonn Ryan