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Agreement

between the Government of the French Republic, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Government of the Italian Republic, the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland amending the OCCAR Security Agreement signed on 24 September 2004

Paris, 13 November 2025

[The Agreement has not been ratified by the United Kingdom]

*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM, THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND AMENDING THE OCCAR SECURITY
AGREEMENT SIGNED ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2004 AT PARIS**

The Government of the French Republic, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Government of the Italian Republic, the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,

- considering the Convention on the Establishment of OCCAR signed on 9 September 1998 at Farnborough, hereinafter referred to as “OCCAR Convention”;
- considering the OCCAR Security Agreement signed on 24 September 2004 at Paris, hereinafter referred to as “OCCAR Security Agreement”;
- given the Accession instruments of Spain to the OCCAR Convention of the 5 of February 2005, and to the OCCAR Security Agreement of the 31 of October 2007;
- being aware that the fulfilment of the tasks of OCCAR requires the exchange of classified information;
- having in mind the reforms of the classification systems of the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that have entered in force since the signing of the OCCAR Security Agreement;

have agreed to amend the OCCAR Security Agreement as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Article 4 of the OCCAR Security Agreement shall be replaced by the following provisions:

“Article 4

- 1) For the purposes of this Agreement, the protective measures for OCCAR security classifications shall be comparable with those for the national security classifications of the Parties as shown in the table below:

<i>OCCAR</i>	<i>OCCAR SECRET</i>	<i>OCCAR CONFIDENTIAL</i>	<i>OCCAR RESTRICTED</i>
<i>Belgium</i>	<i>SECRET (Loi 11.12.1998)</i> <i>GEHEIM (Wet 11.12.1998)</i>	<i>CONFIDENTIEL (Loi 11.12.1998)</i> <i>VERTROUWELIK (Wet 11.12.1998)</i>	<i>No equivalence (see paragraph a)</i>

<i>France</i>	<i>SECRET</i> (see paragraphs b and c)	<i>No equivalence</i> (see paragraph d)	<i>No equivalence</i> (see paragraph a)
<i>Germany</i>	<i>GEHEIM</i>	<i>VS- VERTRAULICH</i>	<i>VS-NUR FÜR DEN DIENSTGEBRAUCH</i>
<i>Italy</i>	<i>SEGRETO</i>	<i>RISERVATISSIMO</i>	<i>RISERVATO</i>
<i>Spain</i>	<i>RESERVADO</i>	<i>CONFIDENCIAL</i>	<i>DIFUSIÓN LIMITADA</i>
<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>UK SECRET</i> (see paragraph c)	<i>No equivalence</i> (see paragraph e)	<i>UK OFFICIAL- SENSITIVE</i>

- a) For the purposes of this Agreement, the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium and the Government of the French Republic shall protect OCCAR RESTRICTED information and the other Parties' national information of equivalent level in accordance with the protective measures agreed by the Parties for OCCAR RESTRICTED information. The other Parties to this Agreement shall protect the information bearing the Belgian DIFFUSION RESTREINTE/BERPERKTE VERSPREIDING and the French DIFFUSION RESTREINTE national protective markings in accordance with the protective measures agreed by the Parties for OCCAR RESTRICTED information.
- b) For the purposes of this Agreement, the Parties shall protect information bearing the former French national classification marking SECRET DÉFENSE in accordance with the protective measures agreed by the Parties for OCCAR SECRET information.
- c) For the purposes of this Agreement, the Parties shall protect information bearing the French national classification marking SECRET marked with the additional caveat "Handle as OCCAR CONFIDENTIAL" and the British national classification marking UK SECRET marked with the additional caveat "Handle as OCCAR CONFIDENTIAL" in accordance with the protective measures agreed by the Parties for OCCAR CONFIDENTIAL information.
- d) For the purposes of this Agreement, the Government of the French Republic shall protect OCCAR CONFIDENTIAL classified information and the other Parties' national classified information of equivalent level in accordance with the protective measures for the French SECRET classification level. The other Parties to this Agreement shall protect information bearing the former French national classification marking CONFIDENTIEL DÉFENSE in accordance with the protective measures agreed by the Parties for OCCAR CONFIDENTIAL information.
- e) For the purposes of this Agreement, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall protect OCCAR CONFIDENTIAL classified information and the other Parties' national classified information of equivalent level in accordance with the protective measures for the British UK SECRET classification

level. The other Parties to this Agreement shall protect information bearing the former British national classification marking UK CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the protective measures agreed by the Parties for OCCAR CONFIDENTIAL information.

2) For the purposes of this Agreement, when the Government of the French Republic wishes to exchange information bearing the French national classification marking TRÈS SECRET, the information shall be marked with the additional caveat “Handle as OCCAR SECRET”. The other Parties to this Agreement shall protect information bearing the French national classification marking TRÈS SECRET marked with the additional caveat “Handle as OCCAR SECRET” in accordance with the protective measures agreed by the Parties for OCCAR SECRET information as specified in the OCCAR Security Regulations.”.

ARTICLE 2

Paragraph 2) of Article 7 shall be replaced by the following provisions:

“2) A Security Committee shall be established to consider all aspects related to the security of classified information. It shall be composed of representatives of NSAs/DSAs of each Party.”.

ARTICLE 3

Article 11 shall be replaced by the following provisions:

“Article 11

1) Before the accession of a new Party to the OCCAR Convention and to this Agreement, the Security Committee shall propose and approve, in consultation with the prospective new Party, an amendment to Article 4 to reflect the prospective new Party’s equivalent national security classifications. Article 4 as amended, translated into all the official languages of the Parties and of the new Party shall be attached to the invitation made in accordance with Article 53 of the OCCAR Convention.

2) The accession to the OCCAR Convention shall require the simultaneous deposit of an instrument of accession to this Agreement.

3) This Agreement shall enter into force for such a new Party on the day on which the OCCAR Convention enters into force for it.”.

ARTICLE 4

This amending Agreement shall enter into force in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 3) of the OCCAR Security Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

A consolidated version of the OCCAR Security Agreement, incorporating the amendments mentioned above, is provided in the appendix of this amending Agreement for information only.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this amending Agreement.

Done at Paris on 13 November 2025, in the French, German, Italian, Spanish and English languages, all five texts being equally authentic, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the French Republic which shall transmit a duly certified copy to each of the signatories and any acceding State.

For the Government of the French Republic

For the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany

For the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium

For the Government of the Italian Republic

For the Government of the Kingdom of Spain

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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