

**TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE FRENCH REPUBLIC FOR  
DEFENCE AND SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the French Republic, hereinafter referred to as "The Parties",

Recalling that their foreign and defence policies are founded on common interests, values and responsibilities,

Mindful of their rights and obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, including as permanent members of the Security Council, and their rights and obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as nuclear weapon States Parties to the Treaty,

Mindful of their rights and obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty and, in the fields of security and defence, under the Treaty on European Union,

Believing that greater defence and security co-operation strengthens the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation which remains the foundation of their collective defence and the forum for its implementation and reaffirming their commitment to supporting the role of the European Union's Common Security and Defence Policy in strengthening international security,

Convinced that greater bilateral defence and security co-operation will reinforce those rights and obligations as well as the objectives contained in the treaties referred to above,

Bearing in mind that they do not see situations arising in which the vital interests of either Party could be threatened without the vital interests of the other also being threatened,

Determined to address strategic challenges, promote international peace and security, ensure collective security, deter and dissuade against potential aggressors and counter threats, including terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and cyber-attacks,

Seeking to improve further the effectiveness and interoperability of their armed forces,

Recalling that the control of their armed forces, the decision to employ them and the use of force shall always remain a matter of national sovereignty,

Convinced that a technological and industrial defence base which is robust and competitive is both a strategic and an economic necessity for the two Parties,

Have agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

### **Objectives**

The Parties, building on the existing strong links between their respective defence and security communities and armed forces, undertake to build a long-term mutually beneficial partnership in defence and security with the aims of:

1. maximising their capacities through coordinating development, acquisition, deployment and maintenance of a range of capabilities, facilities, equipment, materials and services, to perform the full spectrum of missions, including the most demanding missions;
2. reinforcing the defence industry of the two Parties, fostering cooperation in research and technology and developing cooperative equipment programmes;
3. deploying together into theatres in which both Parties have agreed to be engaged, in operations conducted under the auspices of the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation or the European Union's Common Security and Defence Policy or in a coalition or bilateral framework, as well as supporting, as agreed on a case by case basis, one Party when it is engaged in operations in which the other Party is not part;
4. ensuring the viability and safety of their national deterrents, consistent with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
5. ensuring their support for action in the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Union under the Common Security and Defence Policy as well as complementarity between the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Union in all relevant areas.

## ARTICLE 2

### **Scope**

The Parties agree that co-operation undertaken under the provisions of this Treaty shall include:

1. the strengthening of the co-operation between the armed forces of both Parties as defined in a joint Letter of Intent, to be signed by Ministers of Defence of both Parties, which shall include inter alia increasingly close co-operation in the following fields: the conduct of joint exercises and other training activities; joint work on military doctrine and exchange of military personnel; sharing and pooling of materials,

- equipment and services, and, subject to the provisions of Article 5(2), close co-operation in contributing to and pooling forces and capabilities for military operations and employment of forces;
2. continuing and reinforcing the work on industrial and armament co-operation under the High Level Working Group, involving industry as appropriate, through a long-term joint approach aimed at delivering effective military equipment in the most efficient manner, minimising national constraints and strengthening industrial competitiveness;
  3. the building and joint operating of such facilities as may be agreed between the Parties;
  4. the sale or loan of materials, equipment and services by one Party to the other Party or the procurement by both Parties from third Parties;
  5. the development of their defence technological and industrial bases and of centres of excellence around key technologies with efficient corporate governance mechanisms, on the territory of both Parties, thus developing greater interdependence between them;
  6. the attachment or exchange of personnel between the Parties;
  7. the exchange of information relating to the political, policy, planning and decision-making processes involved in the planning, launching and command and control of bilateral and multilateral military and civil-military operations;
  8. subject to national security regulations, the exchange of classified data and information relating to the performance of different defence equipment and systems as well as for operational purposes.

### ARTICLE 3

#### **Related Agreements and Arrangements**

The Parties may decide to enter into written agreements or arrangements to implement specific aspects of their co-operation under this Treaty. Such agreements or arrangements shall be subject to such provisions of this Treaty which the Parties consider appropriate to the agreements or arrangements where those provisions are explicitly invoked by those agreements or arrangements.

