Article XXVII

1. A Joint Committee shall be established as a means for consultation between the Parties on all matters requiring mutual consultation regarding the implementation of this Agreement.

2. The Joint Committee shall determine its own procedures. It may establish working groups to deal with specific issues.

3. The Joint Committee shall meet at any time at the request of either Party.

4. The Joint Committee shall be co-chaired by a representative of each Party.

5. If it is not possible for the Joint Committee to resolve a matter, it shall refer that matter to the Governments of the respective Parties for further consideration through appropriate channels.

6. The Parties may make arrangements following consultation between the Parties through the Joint Committee to implement this Agreement.

Article XXVIII

Unless otherwise mutually determined by the Parties, any dispute regarding the interpretation or the implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved solely by consultation and negotiation between the Parties.

Article XXIX

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the fifth day after the date on which the Parties exchange diplomatic notes informing each other that their respective internal procedures necessary to give effect to this Agreement have been completed.

2. This Agreement may be amended by written agreement between the Parties. Any amendment shall be approved by the Parties in accordance with their respective internal procedures and shall enter into force on the date to be agreed on by the Parties.

3. (a) Each Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving six months' prior written notice to the other Party.

(b) Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, any outstanding obligations with respect to costs, jurisdiction or claims shall remain binding until satisfied unless otherwise mutually determined by the Parties.

(c) Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, any obligations with respect to security of information shall remain binding.

4. The Annex to this Agreement shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

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

DONE, in duplicate at Tokyo and Canberra, on this sixth day of January, 2022 in the Japanese and English languages, both texts equally authentic.

For Japan:

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For Australia:

S. Morrison