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FINAL PROVISIONS

The Italian Republic,

Japan and

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

(hereinafter referred to as “Parties”);

Wishing to improve their mutual defence capabilities through the application of emerging technology;

Desiring to enhance cooperation in the field of combat air systems with the similar strategic goals of delivering vital military/defence capability, supporting national sovereignty and freedom of action, strengthening and sustaining their combat air industrial capability, supporting prosperity of the Parties and contributing to national security and international influence;

Acknowledging that the Global Combat Air Programme (hereinafter referred to as “GCAP”, and defined in Article 1) is the most relevant programme for the combat air sector in their countries for years to come;

Recognising the benefits of cooperation in order to obtain the best cost-efficiency ratio for the development of the capability;

Considering that, to achieve the most efficient coordination between the Parties, it is necessary to create an international organisation with legal personality in order to function effectively as an independent entity and with the legal capacity to place contracts with industrial entities engaged in the GCAP (hereinafter referred to as “Industry”);

Recognising the importance of export possibilities for the economic and political success of their industrial and international cooperation;

Affirming also their readiness to ensure the success of their joint programmes and facilitate industrial partnerships between the Parties; and

Recognising the importance of allowing the movement and sharing of data and physical assets between the Parties and Industry for the effective pursuit of the GCAP’s aims,

have agreed as follows: