

DEFENSE

Bases

Agreement Between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and SPAIN

Signed at Madrid May 8, 2023

Entered into force May 8, 2023



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

**AGREEMENT
ON THE STATIONING OF TWO ADDITIONAL UNITED STATES NAVY SHIPS
AT ROTA NAVAL BASE
IN FURTHERANCE OF COOPERATION ESTABLISHED BY THE SECOND
PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT ON DEFENSE
COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN**

In the framework of the Agreement on Defense Cooperation between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain of December 1, 1988, (hereinafter "the Agreement"), and in furtherance of cooperation established by the Second Protocol of Amendment to the Agreement of October 10, 2012;

Aiming to contribute significantly to the regional stability and common security in Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, and to contribute further to the ballistic missile defense system of the Atlantic Alliance;

Acknowledging, by means of a joint declaration between the President of the United States of America and the President of the Government of Spain, dated June 28, 2022, the desire to strengthen and expand their cooperation in defense matters through the basing of additional U.S. Navy ships at Rota Naval Base, and in the spirit of the Agreement to enable further deepening of cooperation and expansion of the capabilities stationed at Rota Naval Base;

Following the U.S. request, through the U.S.-Spain Permanent Committee, to an increase of four to six U.S. Navy ships authorized to be permanently based in Rota Naval Base;

Considering that this request does not alter the missions and type of forces already authorized, nor does it modify the level of U.S. military and civilian personnel permanently authorized at Rota Naval Base; and,

Recognizing that Article 3 of the aforementioned Second Protocol of Amendment to the Agreement provides for administrative agreements in implementation;

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain agree as follows:

Article 1.

The Government of Spain authorizes the basing of two (2) additional United States Navy AEGIS ships and their crews at Rota Naval Base under the same conditions as the four (4) United States Navy AEGIS ships already based at Rota pursuant to the Second Protocol of Amendment to the Agreement. This authorization to base permanently in Rota Naval Base a total of six (6) United States Navy AEGIS Ships and, consequently, to use the support installations by such ships and their crews, is granted in accordance with the Agreement.

Article 2.

The United States Government undertakes that any increment of U.S. military or civilian personnel at Rota Naval Base resulting from the application of this agreement shall be accommodated without exceeding the total level of authorized permanent personnel at Rota Naval Base in Section 2.2 of Annex 2 of the Agreement.

Article 3.

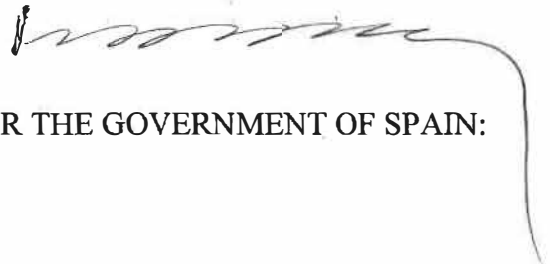
This agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for the duration of the Agreement.

Done at *Madrid*, this *8* day of *May*, 2023, in duplicate, in the Spanish and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN:



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