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Statement Regarding
Protocol of Amendment to the Agreement on Defense
Cooperation of December 1, 1988, with Related Note and
Memorandum of Understanding.
Signed at Madrid April 10, 2002.
Entered into force February 12, 2003.

This Agreement amends the 1988 Agreement on Defense
Cooperation between the United States and the Kingdom of
Spain. The 1988 Agreement provides for U.S. access to key
military bases in Spain, joint programs in military and
other areas, status of forces provisions and a joint
Permanent Committee responsible for implementation of the
Agreement and for dispute resolution.

Legal Authority

The President's Constitutional authority for the
conduct of the foreign relations of the United States and
as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United
States under Article II of the U.S. Constitution.