

# Approval of the draft Protocol between the Government of Russia and the Government of Japan on amending the Agreement on the Prevention of Incidents On and Over the High Seas

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## **Reference**

Submitted by the Russian Defence Ministry.

The directive approves the Defence Ministry's recommendation that Russia sign the draft Protocol between the Government of Russia and the Government of Japan on amending the Agreement on the Prevention of Incidents On and Over the High Seas of 13 October 1993 (hereinafter referred to as the Protocol).

The Protocol clarifies the existing legal basis for ensuring the predictability and safety of operations by warship and aircraft crews of both countries during navigation outside territorial waters and flights in the airspace over them.

The signing of the Protocol will make it possible to ensure a higher level of safety for the navigation of Russian and Japanese warships and aircraft flights in direct proximity to each other outside territorial seas.