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**Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF)
Royal Air Force (RAF) &
United States Air Force (USAF)**

On E-7 cooperation

'Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States will generate, operate, and sustain a fleet of interoperable E-7 aircraft providing a 5th generation Airborne Early Warning and Control Capability. Our operational output will be enhanced through mutual support, shared resources, and commonality. Our capability enhancements will be coordinated, tested, and shared to counter current and future threats. The sustainment of our capability will leverage the collective power of our nations, bringing greater operational reliability through efficiencies of scale and collaboration.'

This Joint Vision Statement is between the Royal Australian Air Force, the Royal Air Force, and the United States Air Force (herein after referred to as the 'Participants') concerning cooperation on the E-7 Airborne Early Warning and Control Capability.

The Participants' intent is for mutual benefit through cooperation regarding the E-7's introduction into service by the UK, the E-7's rapid prototyping and subsequent introduction into service by the US, completed and planned capability upgrades by Australia, and long-term cooperation on issues including, but not limited to capability development, capability, evaluation, exploitation, interoperability, acquisition, testing, sustainment, operations, training, and safety.

The Participants intend to:

1. Leverage existing international cooperative agreements, or jointly develop new arrangements that further enable this vision. Continue to collaborate in areas of potential shared benefit to provide greater E-7 capability and harmonization. Recognize a joint desire to maintain similar configurations. Converge and align our efforts, where practicable, to maximize the benefits from this close partnership.
2. Engage in joint discussions to identify and develop future opportunities for cost sharing, minimize duplicative efforts, cooperate on technical maturation, enhance interoperability, accelerate E-7 capability delivery, and align sustainment where there is a shared need.
3. Explore and develop future live and virtual training activities, coordinate operations, and ensure safety across our combined fleets.

This Joint Vision Statement is not an international agreement and does not give rise to international legal rights or obligations, does not constitute a commitment to fund or participate in any cooperation, or award any contract; nor does it represent a legally binding commitment under international or domestic laws. Where any commitments are required, the appropriate instruments will be jointly developed.

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