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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE
DE LA SÉCURITÉ CIVILE
ET DE LA GESTION DES CRISES

PROTOCOL

BETWEEN

**THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

AND

**THE FRENCH DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR CIVIL
PROTECTION AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT**

**ON STRENGTHENING THEIR INSTITUTIONAL
AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ON CIVIL
PROTECTION**



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The Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services,
and the Director of the French Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Crisis Management,
hereinafter referred to as "the Participants",

RELYING ON the spirit of sincere fraternity and the strong ties that exist between their States to promote the development of friendly relationships and cooperation between them in a way that serves common interests;

DESIRING to improve their mutual understanding and to exchange the advancement of knowledge and expertise in order to contribute to the strengthening of the civil security of their states and populations;

Declare the following:

1.
Purpose

The Participants intend to establish a flexible framework to strengthen cooperation between their respective services in civil protection and disaster management.

2.
Key partnership areas

To achieve the purpose of this Protocol, the Participants intend to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Exchange of expertise and best practices in areas of mutual concern, including wildfire prevention and response, as well as the management of large-scale events such as the World Cup and the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- b. Share scientific and technical information related to civil protection, including wildfire detection, prevention, and management.
- c. Facilitate bilateral exchanges on matters of mutual interest.



- d. Development of joint training opportunities in disaster management.

3.
Monitoring of the Partnership

1. This Partnership will be implemented by:
 - a. The Office of International Affairs at the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services in Sacramento, California;
 - b. The European and International Relations Department of the General Directorate and Crisis Management in liaison with the internal security unit of the French Embassy in Washington, D.C.
2. The Participants will work with their respective operational government partners, as appropriate, to consider the possibility of developing an operating plan defining the terms of cooperation pursuant to article 2.

4.
Legal and financial effect

1. This Protocol does not constitute an agreement under international law. It is a voluntary initiative and does not create legally binding rights or obligations and is not enforceable in any court or tribunal. The activities described in this Protocol are not conditioned upon reciprocal actions by other participants.
2. This Protocol will be implemented in accordance with the competencies of the Participants under their domestic law and the administrative organization of their States, and will be construed in a manner consistent with all applicable laws.
3. This Protocol does not involve the exchange of funds, nor does it represent any obligation of funds by either Participant.



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5.
Consultations

Any difficulty concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Protocol will be settled by consultations between the Participants.

6.
Final provisions

1. This Protocol is implemented for four (4) years. It becomes effective on the day of its signature.
2. This Protocol may be amended by mutual consent between the Participants, in writing.
3. Either Participant may terminate this Protocol at any time by providing written notice to the other Participant.

Signed in Sacramento and Paris on December 22, 2025, in two originals in the English and French languages.

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