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## 5 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

INTA is a Public Research Organisation under the authority of the Spanish Ministry of Defence, specialising in scientific research and technological development in the fields of Aeronautics, Space, Hydrodynamics, Land Systems, Security and Defence.

In order to perform its activities, it operates work centres distributed throughout the national territory, with its main headquarters located in Torrejón de Ardoz (Madrid).

The institute began its environmental commitment several decades ago through research lines related to climate change. Currently, this commitment remains in force, complying with the requirements outlined in Directive 107/97, dated 2 June, concerning environmental protection within the scope of the Ministry of Defence, and based on its vocation to serve society, actively and voluntarily contributing to environmental improvement through conservation, protection and improvement of environmental conditions.

In view of the above, and in recognition of the high levels of environmental protection associated with some of its facilities, INTA's directorate adopts this policy so as to establish a framework for integrating the protection of nature, biodiversity and the environment into the organisation's strategy and operational activities.

To this end, INTA articulates the following core principles of action:

- Complying with applicable environmental regulations and any other requirements voluntarily subscribed to.
- Promoting sustainable use of the environment and natural resources, particularly:
  - Ensuring rational and sustainable water use, managing the risks related to water scarcity and ensuring that the water utilised is returned to the environment under the required conditions.
  - Encouraging energy efficiency practices through the sustainable use of natural resources, as well as the circular economy by applying the waste hierarchy (prevent, reuse, recycle, valorise and disposal).
- Implementing an environmental management system based on the principles of precaution, pollution prevention and continuous improvement to which we are committed, considering the life cycle perspective through:
  - The regular identification and assessment of the environmental risks and impacts associated with our activities and facilities.
  - The management of these risks and impacts by establishing actions aimed at driving the continuous improvement of processes, along with monitoring, control and auditing mechanisms.
  - Environmental training and awareness-raising for professionals.
- Communicate, train, and raise awareness among INTA professionals, contractors, and other stakeholders regarding the commitments and principles of this policy.
- Promote innovation through research and support for the development of new technologies and improved environmental practices.

Management is committed to ensuring compliance with this policy by providing the necessary resources for its implementation and maintenance, thereby establishing a framework of reference for setting and reviewing the objectives of the Environmental Management System.