



## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IN THE SPANISH AIR FORCE

The Ministry of Defence, through Directive No. 107/1997 "On the Protection of the Environment within the Scope of the Department", has expressed a desire to reconcile the missions of the Armed Forces with an Environmental Policy based on the *sustainable development* concept, keeping at all times its operational capability that enables to fulfil the missions assigned by the current legislation. The aforementioned Directive is developed by Instruction 56/2011 from SEDEF. Apart from this, in the field of the Air Force, General Instruction 90-31 defines the organization, management and responsibilities of the Environmental Management System.

As a consequence of the above, from this date the Spanish Air Force will implement for all its dependencies a common Environmental Management System which will apply only the **Environmental Policy** principles listed below:

1. To seek the continuous improvement of the Environmental Management System and to protect the environment in its facilities and locations, avoiding its aggression and disturbance.
2. To comply with the applicable legal requirements and internal environmental regulations of the Ministry of Defence.
3. To plan its activities with a view to minimizing negative environmental impact.
4. To promote Energy Efficiency measures by using, whenever possible, renewable energies.
5. To promote measures that allow saving in the consumption of natural resources and to make, in all cases, rational use of them.
6. To ensure proper management of waste, discharges and emissions generated.
7. To protect and improve, as far as possible, natural spaces within its locations.
8. To improve environmental awareness and culture by ensuring the necessary environmental training.
9. To strengthen institutional relations to enable a better environmental performance.
10. To disseminate this Environmental Policy within the scope of its responsibility.

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