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**AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, FRANCE, FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, NETHERLANDS  
and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Protocol (with Agreement Supplementary thereto) estab-  
lishing a preparatory group with a view to the creation  
of a European Organisation for the development and  
construction of space vehicle launchers. Signed at  
London, on 9 May 1962**

*Official texts: English and French.*

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 20 February  
1963.*

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**AUSTRALIE, BELGIQUE, FRANCE, RÉPUBLIQUE  
FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE, ITALIE, PAYS-BAS  
et ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET  
D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Protocole (avec Accord additionnel) pour l'établissement  
d'un groupe préparatoire en vue de la création d'une  
organisation européenne pour la mise au point et la  
construction de lanceurs d'engins spatiaux. Signé à  
Londres, le 9 mai 1962**

*Textes officiels anglais et français.*

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 20 février  
1963.*

No. 6531. PROTOCOL<sup>1</sup> ESTABLISHING A PREPARATORY GROUP WITH A VIEW TO THE CREATION OF A EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCHERS. SIGNED AT LONDON, ON 9 MAY 1962

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The undersigned Governments :

Desiring to provide for the undertaking or the continuation of studies and work in the field of application of the Convention for the Establishment of a European Organisation for the Development and Construction of Space Vehicle Launchers (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") during the period prior to the entry into force of the Convention ;<sup>2</sup>

Have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

A Preparatory Group, composed of two representatives of each of the Governments parties to this Protocol, is hereby established. This Preparatory Group shall be assisted by an international secretariat.

*Article 2*

The seat of the Preparatory Group shall be at the same place as that of the Organisation.

*Article 3*

The tasks of the Preparatory Group shall be :

- (a) to specify the studies and the work to be undertaken by the Governments parties to this Protocol in the field of application of the Convention, to make recommendations to such Governments for carrying them out, and to co-ordinate the studies and work so authorised ;
- (b) to undertake all work which may be entrusted to it by such Governments to prepare for the functioning of the Organisation on the entry into force of the Convention.

*Article 4*

The Preparatory Group may invite any Government which was represented at the Conference referred to in Article 26 of the Convention and which is not a party to this Protocol to be represented as an observer at any of its meetings.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 9 May 1962, upon signature, in accordance with article 8.

<sup>2</sup> United Kingdom : *Miscellaneous* No. 17 (1962) Cmnd. 1731.

*Article 5*

(1) The members of the international secretariat shall be chosen on the basis of the individual competence of candidates, but so as to obtain so far as possible an adequate distribution of posts among the nationals of Governments parties to this Protocol. The Governments shall endeavour to make this staff available to the Preparatory Group. In the first instance, they shall be responsible for the remuneration of their nationals so made available to the Preparatory Group.

(2) The operational expenses of the Preparatory Group, and in particular those of the international secretariat, shall, in the first instance, be the responsibility of the Government of the State on the territory of which the seat of the Group is situated.

*Article 6*

The studies and work carried out in accordance with Article 3 (a) of this Protocol shall, in the first instance, be carried out by Governments at their own expense and risk.

*Article 7*

(1) Financial questions, especially those concerning the reimbursement of expenditure undertaken by Governments, shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, of the Financial Protocol annexed to the Convention and of the financial regulations for the Preparatory Group and its secretariat.

(2) Moreover, the Preparatory Group shall adopt such other regulations as it may consider necessary for its functioning.

*Article 8*

This protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature. It shall cease to have effect two months after the entry into force of the Convention, and, in any case, on the expiry of a period of two years from the date of signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiaries, duly authorised thereto, have signed this Protocol.

DONE at London this 9th day of May, 1962, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative, in a single original, which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who shall transmit a certified true copy to each signatory Government.

For the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia :

Pour le Gouvernement du Commonwealth d'Australie :

E. J. HARRISON

For the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium :

Pour le Gouvernement du Royaume de Belgique :

J. DE THIER

For the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark :

Pour le Gouvernement du Royaume de Danemark :

For the Government of the French Republic :

Pour le Gouvernement de la République Française :

G. DE COURCEL

For the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany :

Pour le Gouvernement de la République Fédérale d'Allemagne :

R. THIERFELDER

For the Government of the Italian  
Republic :

Pour le Gouvernement de la République  
Italienne :

P. QUARONI

For the Government of the Kingdom  
of the Netherlands :

Pour le Gouvernement du Royaume des  
Pays-Bas :

A. BENTINCK

For the Government of Spain :

Pour le Gouvernement de l'Espagne :

For the Government of the United  
Kingdom of Great Britain and North-  
ern Ireland :

Pour le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni  
de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du  
Nord :

Edward HEATH

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AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE PROTOCOL ESTABLISHING A PREPARATORY GROUP WITH A VIEW TO THE CREATION OF A EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCHERS.<sup>1</sup> SIGNED AT LONDON, ON 9 MAY 1962

The Signatories of the Protocol establishing a Preparatory Group with a view to the creation of a European Organisation for the Development and Construction of Space Vehicle Launchers<sup>1</sup> have agreed as follows :

The signature of the above Protocol shall not affect the validity of decisions reached since the Conference held at London from 30th October to 3rd November, 1961. The Preparatory Group shall draw up a list of these decisions at its first meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiaries, duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at London this 9th day of May, 1962, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative, in a single original, which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who shall transmit a certified true copy to each signatory State.

SIGNATURES

*[The same as on pages 304 and 305 of this volume.]*

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<sup>1</sup> See p. 300 of this volume.