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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN CONCERNING CO-OPERATION ON A PROJECT FOR A GEOSTATIONARY METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE SYSTEM

I

Tokyo, July 7, 1977

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the recent negotiations held between the representatives of the Government of Japan and the Government of Australia concerning co-operation on the project for the Geostationary Meteorological Satellite System (hereinafter referred to as "the System"), which the Government of Japan will bring into operation through the Geostationary Meteorological Satellite to be launched into geostationary orbit at 140°E around July 1977, with a view to participating in the Global Atmospheric Research Programme promoted jointly by the World Meteorological Organization and the International Council of Scientific Unions as a part of the World Weather Watch Programme of the World Meteorological Organization, and also to contributing to the improvement of meteorological services of Japan. I therefore propose the following arrangements for this co-operation:

1. At the request of the Government of Australia, the Government of Japan shall make, within the scope of the laws and regulations of Japan, special meteorological observations through the System and provide the Government of Australia with the information and data derived from such observations, as far as the technical capacity of the System and service capacity of the Japan Meteorological Agency allow, and as long as the System continues to operate in a normal condition.
2. When the Government of Australia makes a request for the information and data derived from meteorological observations through the System for its research purposes, the Government of Japan shall give due consideration to such a request.
3. The Government of Australia shall at its own expense install, operate and maintain a turnaround ranging station necessary for the trilateration of the Geostationary Meteorological Satellite at a suitable place within Australia by the time the Geostationary Meteorological Satellite is to be launched, and operate and maintain it as long as the System continues to operate in a normal condition.
4. The details and procedures for co-operation in the present project shall be provided for in the implementing arrangement to be agreed upon between the Japan Meteorological Agency and the Department of Science of Australia.
5. The two Governments shall consult with each other on any problem that may arise from or in connection with co-operation in the present project.

I have further the honour to propose that the present Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply confirming the foregoing arrangements on behalf of the Government of Australia shall be regarded as constituting an agreement

¹ Came into force on 7 July 1977, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

[Signed — Signé]¹

Director-General
of the United Nations Bureau

His Excellency Mr. J. L. Menadue
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of Australia to Japan

II

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY TOKYO

7 July 1977

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of today's date which reads as follows:

[See note I]

I have further the honour to confirm the foregoing arrangements on behalf of my Government and to agree that your Note and this Note in reply shall together be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my high consideration.

Mr. Y. Okawa
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¹ Signed by Y. Okawa — Signé par Y. Okawa.