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**IRELAND
and
EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY**

**Agreement concerning the relations between Ireland and
the Agency. Signed at Paris on 29 November 1976**

Authentic texts: English, French and German.

Registered by Ireland on 30 January 1981.

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**Accord concernant les relations entre l'Irlande et l'Agence.
Signé à Paris le 29 novembre 1976**

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Enregistré par l'Irlande le 30 janvier 1981.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

PREAMBLE

The Government of Ireland and the European Space Research Organisation, established by the Convention opened for signature in Paris on 14 June 1962² (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention of 14 June 1962”), and carrying out its activities since 31 May 1975 under the name of the European Space Agency (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”),

Recalling that the Government of Ireland on 30 May 1975 signed the Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the Establishment of a European Space Agency (hereinafter referred to as “the Final Act”),³

Considering that the Government of Ireland on 31 December 1975 signed the Convention for the Establishment of a European Space Agency opened for signature in Paris on 30 May 1975 (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention of 30 May 1975”),³

Having regard to Resolution No. 1 attached to the Final Act,

Having regard to article XIII of the Convention of 14 June 1962 and to articles XIX, XX and XXI of the Convention of 30 May 1975,

Desirous of taking the necessary measures to settle the status of the Government of Ireland in relation to the Agency until the Convention of 30 May 1975 enters into force for the said Government,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The purpose of this Agreement is to define, in respect of the period preceding the entry into force of the Convention of 30 May 1975 for the Government of Ireland, the relations between the said Government and the Agency as well as the conditions governing the association of the Government of Ireland with the Agency’s activities.

Article 2. Ireland will participate in the following Agency’s activities: education, documentation, studies of future projects and technological research work.

Article 3. 1. Ireland will contribute to the costs incurred in the execution of the Agency’s basic activities at the rate calculated on the basis of its average national income, but its contribution will not exceed a ceiling of 100,000 Irish Pounds per year.

2. The contribution of Ireland shall be paid in conformity with the Agency’s current rules and procedures.

¹ Came into force on 8 December 1976, the date when it was approved by Dail Eireann, with effect from 29 November 1976, the date of signature, in accordance with article 10.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 528, p. 33.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1299, No. 1-21524.

Article 4. Ireland will participate in the meetings of the Agency's delegate bodies in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) Ireland may be represented on the Council of the Agency by not more than two delegates, who may be accompanied by advisers. These delegates shall have the right to vote on questions relating to the activities of the Agency in which Ireland is participating on the basis of this Agreement, and shall have the right to be heard on other questions.
- (b) The Government of Ireland shall have the right to be heard in those subordinate bodies of the Agency that are competent in any capacity to deal with activities of the Agency in which the Government of Ireland participates, when such bodies examine questions relating to those activities.
- (c) Ireland may ask to be represented in an observer capacity at meetings of Programme Boards of the Agency.

Article 5. 1. Ireland shall have the same status as a Member State of the Agency as regards the geographical distribution of the work relating to those of the Agency's activities in which it participates under this Agreement.

2. Ireland shall also have the status of a Member State of the Agency as regards access to the technical and scientific papers circulated by the Agency.

Article 6. 1. The Agency shall have the legal capacity of a body corporate in Ireland.

2. Goods imported or exported by the Agency and its contractors and strictly necessary for the exercise of its official activities shall be exempt from all customs dues and other taxes or charges and from all import and export prohibitions and restrictions.

3. The Agency and its contractors shall be entitled to remission or reimbursement of the amount of duties and taxes levied on major purchases made by the Agency and its contractors and strictly necessary for the exercise of the official activities of the Agency.

4. The Agency, its property and income shall be exempt from direct taxes.

5. Salaries and emoluments paid by the Agency to members of its staff shall be exempt from national income tax.

Article 7. The Government of Ireland and the Agency may, by joint agreement, revise the provisions of this Agreement, in particular for the purpose of improving its implementation on the basis of experience.

Article 8. Where a dispute arises in relation to the application or interpretation of this Agreement which cannot be settled amicably between the parties, it shall, at the request of either party, be submitted to arbitration. The parties agree that, to this end, and in anticipation of the entry into force of the Convention of 30 May 1975, the provisions of article XVII of the said Convention will apply unless the parties agree otherwise.

Article 9. 1. This Agreement shall lapse automatically on the date when the Convention of 30 May 1975 enters into force for the Government of Ireland. The Government of Ireland and the Agency will at an appropriate time agree on the arrangements for the winding up of this Agreement and for the application of the relevant terms of the Convention of 30 May 1975.

2. Should the conditions of entry into force for the Government of Ireland of the Convention of 30 May 1975 not be fulfilled, the Government of Ireland and the Agency will consult together with a view to making the necessary arrangements.

Article 10. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date when its terms are approved by Dail Eireann and it shall then apply with effect from the date of its signature.

DONE in Paris on twenty-ninth day of November nineteen hundred and seventy-six in two originals, in the English, French and German languages, all three texts being equally authentic.

FAIT à Paris le vingt-neuf novembre mil neuf cent soixante-seize en deux originaux, dans les langues anglaise, française et allemande, ces trois textes faisant également foi.

Pour le Gouvernement de l'Irlande :

For the Government of Ireland:

Für die Regierung Irlands:

[Signed — Signé]¹

GESCHEHEN zu Paris am neunund-zwanzigsten November Neunzehnhundertsechundsiebzig in zwei Urschriften in englischer, französischer und deutscher Sprache, wobei jeder Wortlaut gleichermaßen verbindlich ist.

Pour l'Agence spatiale européenne :

For the European Space Agency:

Für die Europäische Weltraumorganisation:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Hugh McCann — Signé par Hugh McCann.

² Signed by R. Gibson — Signé par R. Gibson.