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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF  
JAPAN CONCERNING CO-OPERATION ON THE PROJECT FOR THE  
GEOSTATIONARY METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE-2 SYSTEM

I

Canberra, September 22, 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the recent negotiations held between the representatives of the Government of Japan and of the Government of Australia concerning co-operation on the project for the Geostationary Meteorological Satellite-2 System (hereinafter referred to as "the System") which the Government of Japan will bring into operation, through the Geostationary Meteorological Satellite-2 which was launched in August, 1981 and which will be eventually placed in the geostationary orbit at 140 degrees E, with a view to contributing to the development of meteorological satellite technology and the improvement of meteorological services of Japan as well as with a view to continuing its participation in the ongoing world weather watch program of the World Meteorological Organization. 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, complete such augmentation of the Turnaround Ranging Station which was installed pursuant to Paragraph 3 of the Exchange of Notes of July 7, 1977 constituting an agreement between the two Governments<sup>2</sup> as is required for the trilateration of the Geostationary Meteorological Satellite-2. The Government of Australia shall also, at its own expense, operate and maintain the Station 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 entered into between the Japan Meteorological Agency and the Department of Science and Technology of Australia.

5. Nothing in the present arrangements shall be construed to prejudice the arrangements contained in the Exchange of Notes mentioned in Paragraph 3.

6. 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.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 22 September 1981, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1216, p. 275.

I have further the honour to propose that the present Note and your Note in reply confirming the foregoing arrangements on behalf of the Government of Australia shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurance of my highest consideration.

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of Japan to Australia

The Hon. Ian Macphee M.P.  
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Canberra

## II

22 September 1981

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's 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 Excellency's 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 renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

IAN MACPHEE

His Excellency Mr. Mizuo Kuroda  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of Japan to Australia  
Canberra

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by Mizuo Kuroda — Signé par Mizuo Kuroda.