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**SWEDEN
and
FRANCE**

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement on Swedish participation in the French satellite-based earth observation programme (SPOT). Stockholm, 23 October 1978

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Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif à la participation de la Suède au projet français d'observation de la terre par satellite (SPOT). Stockholm, 23 octobre 1978

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN SWEDEN AND FRANCE ON SWEDISH PARTICI-
PATION IN THE FRENCH SATELLITE-BASED EARTH OB-
SERVATION PROGRAMME (SPOT)

I

Stockholm, 23 October 1978

With reference to the discussions entered into between the National Centre for Space Studies and the Swedish Board for Space Activities regarding a programme of co-operation between our two countries under the satellite-based earth observation programme undertaken by the Government of the French Republic, I have the honour to propose the following provisions for such co-operation:

1. Sweden shall participate in the development, construction, launching and operation of a satellite under the national satellite-based earth observation programme (SPOT) administered by the National Centre for Space Studies (CNES), and the possibility of its participation in future missions under this programme shall not be excluded.

2. The details and procedures relating to the proposed co-operation shall be in conformity with the agreements concluded between the Swedish Board for Space Activities and the National Centre for Space Studies.

3. The Government of the French Republic guarantees that the Swedish Government will be informed of the nature of all activities carried out by the French authorities using the data-receiving, telemetry and command facilities at ESRANGE, Kiruna. The Government of the French Republic guarantees that the French authorities will use these facilities exclusively for peaceful purposes.

4. The satellite shall be registered by the Government of the French Republic in accordance with the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space of 14 January 1975.²

5. The proposed programme shall not affect any rights or obligations of our Governments under international law governing earth observation activities.

This Agreement shall be applied provisionally upon completion of the exchange of letters, and it shall enter into force after the two Parties have notified each other of the completion of the necessary constitutional procedures.

¹ Came into force provisionally on 23 October 1978, by the exchange of letters, and definitively on 7 February 1979, the date on which the Parties notified each other of the completion of the required constitutional procedures, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

² The Convention was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 12 November 1974. See United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1023, p. 15.

If the foregoing provisions meet the approval of the Swedish Government, I have the honour to propose that this letter and your reply should constitute an Agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Sir, etc.

J. M. MOMAL
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of France

II

Stockholm, 23 October 1978

In your letter to me of today's date, you have stated the following:

[See letter I]

I have the honour to confirm that the Swedish Government agrees to these provisions, and considers that your letter and my reply constitute an Agreement between our two Governments.

I take this opportunity, etc.

HANS BLIX
Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs