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**AUSTRALIA
and
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

**Agreement on cooperation in space research and the use of
space for peaceful purposes. Signed at Moscow on 1 De-
cember 1987**

Authentic texts: English and Russian.

Registered by Australia on 8 June 1989.

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et
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**Accord de coopération en matière de recherche spatiale et
d'utilisation de l'espace à des fins pacifiques. Signé à
Moscou le 1^{er} décembre 1987**

Textes authentiques : anglais et russe.

Enregistré par l'Australie le 8 juin 1989.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SO-
CIALIST REPUBLICS ON CO-OPERATION IN SPACE RE-
SEARCH AND THE USE OF SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PUR-
POSES

The Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (hereinafter referred to as the Parties),

Pursuant to the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Scientific-Technical Cooperation, done at Moscow on 15 January 1975;²

Expressing their interest in furthering international co-operation in space research and in the use of space for peaceful purposes, and desiring to contribute to the further strengthening and development of such co-operation;

Wishing that space remain peaceful and open for peaceful co-operation;

Taking account of the terms of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, done on 27 January 1967,³ and of other multilateral treaties and agreements, by means of which questions of the use of space are regulated and to which both States are Parties; and

Desiring to benefit the peoples of both countries and to develop mutually beneficial co-operation between the two countries in the field of peaceful space research and use of space;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. In accordance with the laws and regulations in force in each country, the Parties shall encourage co-operation between the two countries in the fields of research and the use of space for peaceful purposes.

Article 2. Co-operation under this Agreement may encompass such areas as the physics of solar-terrestrial links, radio astronomy and high-energy astrophysics, space biology and medicine, solar system research, the study of cosmic materials, atmospheric (including meteorological) research, space communication and remote sensing applications and may also embrace other areas which may from time to time be decided upon by mutual arrangement between the Parties.

Article 3. Co-operation under Article 2 of this Agreement may be carried out in some or all the following ways:

- (a) Arranging exchanges of scientists and other specialists and facilitating participation in joint research and projects, as determined by scientific and other research organisations;
- (b) Exchanging experimental data and results, scientific information and literature;

¹ Came into force on 1 December 1987 by signature, in accordance with article 9.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 975, p. 129.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 610, p.205.

- (c) Holding joint symposia and conferences; and
(d) Other joint activities as mutually arranged by the Parties.

Article 4. Scientific and technological data and information obtained through the conduct of joint experiments shall be accessible to both Parties and be transmitted as soon as practicable.

Article 5. The Parties shall work together to establish and develop co-operation between relevant organisations and companies of the two countries in the field of the peaceful use of space, including co-operation on a commercial basis.

Article 6. The program and conditions of co-operation under this Agreement shall be determined in working arrangements. These arrangements shall specify the appropriate financial and other conditions.

Article 7. Each Party shall nominate an appropriate organisation which shall be responsible for the practical implementation of the program of co-operation in accordance with this Agreement.

Article 8. The Parties shall encourage international co-operation in the study of legal questions of mutual interest which may arise in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

Article 9. The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.

The Agreement shall remain in force initially for ten years, and thereafter shall remain in force until the date six months after the receipt by either Party of written notification from the other Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

In the event of termination of this Agreement, its provisions shall continue to apply to any uncompleted working arrangements entered into in accordance with Article 6.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Moscow this 1st day of December 1987 in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government
of Australia:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Bill Hayden — Signé par Bill Hayden.

² Signed by E. A. Shevardnadze — Signé par E. A. Shevardnadze.