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The Embassy of Canada to the French Republic presents its compliments to the European Space Agency and has the honour to refer to the Cooperation Agreement between the Government of Canada and The European Space Agency (the Agreement) which came into force on 31 May 1989, with effect from 1 January 1989 and to recent discussions concerning the extension of this Agreement.

Canada is in the process of developing a new long term space plan which will include a recommendation on the ways and means of continuing cooperation between Canada and the European Space Agency. It is expected that the Government will make its decisions on its future directions in space sometime in 1999. Until that time Canada is not in a position to propose the negotiation of a new or modified agreement with the European Space Agency.

The Embassy of Canada has therefore the honour to propose the extension of the current Agreement until 31 December 1999. If the European Space Agency is agreeable to this proposal we would further propose that this note and the European Space Agency's affirmative reply, which is equally authentic in English, French and German, constitute an agreement to extend the Agreement as defined in Article XIII, paragraph 4 of the Agreement.

The Embassy of Canada avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the European Space Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

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