

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "CANADA")**

AND

**THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY ESTABLISHED BY
THE CONVENTION OPENED FOR SIGNATURE
IN PARIS ON 30 MAY 1975
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE AGENCY"),**

NOTING that Canada enjoyed observer status in the European Space Conference and in the European Space Research Organization,

RECALLING the Agreement signed in Montreal on 9 December 1978, and entered into force on 1 January 1979, establishing the framework for cooperation, for exclusively peaceful purposes, in the fields of space research and technology and their space applications, as an important step towards closer relations between Canada and the Agency,

RECALLING the Agreement signed in ESTEC (Noordwijk) on 9 January 1984 for continuing this cooperation between Canada and the Agency, which entered into force on 1 January 1984, interpreted by an exchange of letters of 9 January 1984 and amended by a further exchange of letters concluded on 15 April 1987,

RECALLING the Agreement signed and brought into force in Montreal on 31 May 1989, with effect from 1 January 1989, continuing this cooperation between Canada and the Agency, as amended on 16 December 1998 by an exchange of Notes verbales extending its validity until 31 December 1999,

CONSIDERING that in pursuance of these Agreements Canada has participated in various activities under the Agency's General Budget and has concluded with the Agency arrangements concerning its participation in optional telecommunications and earth observation programmes as well as in the Hermès programme and the General Support Technology Programme (GSTP),

CONFIRMING the mutual benefits brought by Canada's participation in the Agency's activities and programmes,

NOTING that Canada and ESA have worked closely together in establishing a long-term international cooperative framework for the International Space Station programme,

CONSIDERING the efforts of the Agency Member States to fully develop an overall European space strategy,

DESIRING to pursue and to strengthen further the close cooperation between Canada and the Agency,

HAVING REGARD to Article XIV.1 of the Agency's Convention,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS: