

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CO-OPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPACE REMOTE SENSING FOR GLOBAL CROP INFORMATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF CANADA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES OF CANADA, THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES

The Department of Agriculture of Canada and the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America; hereinafter called the "Parties";

Desiring to co-operate in the area of application of earth observation technology for peaceful purposes, particularly as regards global crop information;

Bearing in mind the Exchange of Notes between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America of May 14, 1971⁽¹⁾, constituting an Agreement concerning a joint programme in the field of experimental remote sensing from satellites and aircraft, as amended and extended by an Exchange of Notes of March 19 and 22, 1976⁽²⁾;

Noting existing Canada-United States collaboration in the Spring Wheat Project:

Have agreed on the following:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding outlines a programme of co-operation between the Parties in the area of application of earth observation technology, particularly as regards global crop information. In this regard the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources of Canada, the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will be considered as participating Department and Agencies for the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding.

2. It is understood that this programme of co-operation is subject to the availability of funds, in the case of each of the Parties and of the participating Department and Agencies.

3. The following co-ordinating procedures will be adopted:

(a) A Steering Committee will be set up composed of officers nominated by each of the Parties. A senior officer will be designated as the Canadian co-chairman by the Department of Agriculture of Canada in consultation with the

⁽¹⁾Treaty Series No. 1971/19

⁽²⁾Treaty Series No. 1976/21