

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,

CONSIDERING that in pursuance of these Agreements Canada has participated in General Studies concerning future projects which are part of the Agency's basic activities, and has concluded with the Agency arrangements concerning its participation in optional telecommunications and earth observation programmes as well as in the Hermès programme,

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 participation in the Space Station programme,

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: