AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL REMOTE SENSING SATELLITE SYSTEMS

The Government of Canada (Canada) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) (hereinafter the "Party" or "Parties," as appropriate);

Recognizing that they share mutual interests in regulating and controlling commercial remote sensing satellite systems operating from their respective territories or subject to their respective jurisdiction in accordance with their respective policies, laws and regulations;

Agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Annexes thereto concerning the use and operation of RADARSAT-2 and such other commercial remote sensing satellite systems as the Parties may agree to make subject to this Agreement:

- 1. The Parties agree to ensure that such commercial remote sensing satellite systems will be controlled by each Party in a comparable manner in order to protect and serve shared national security and foreign policy interests.
- Canada agrees to keep in place, until its provisions are enacted into law, the Canadian national access control policy announced on 9 June 1999, set forth in Annex I hereto, concerning such commercial remote sensing satellite systems owned, operated or registered in Canada.
- Canada agrees to implement controls pursuant to this Agreement, set forth in Annex II hereto, which is protected as commercially confidential, with regard to the operator of RADARSAT-2.
- 4. The Parties agree to consult regularly on the implementation of this Agreement and on enhanced cooperation in the broader aspects of their respective governmental policies on commercial remote sensing satellites. Such consultations can be called by either Party.
- 5. This Agreement, including its Annexes, which form an integral part hereto, shall enter into force upon signature, may be amended by written mutual agreement and shall continue in force unless terminated by either Party upon six months written notice.

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

DONE at Washington, in duplicate, this sixteenth day of June, 2000, in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA:

T. Torre Assembler

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Madelaine Albright