

HAVING REGARD to Canada's request to participate in the GMES Space Component Programme expressed at the meeting of the Agency's Council held at ministerial level on 5 and 6 December 2005;

WHEREAS the considerations of security relating to the strategic objectives of GMES for the European Union may make it necessary to impose conditions for access to information and deliberations concerning these questions;

HAVING REGARD to Article XIV.2 of the Agency's Convention, which relates to cooperation and participation by non-Member States in the Agency's programmes;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

This Arrangement defines the terms of Canada's participation in the GMES Space Component Programme pursuant to the Declaration referred to in the preamble.

ARTICLE 2

Canada shall, for the purpose of the execution of the GMES Space Component Programme and in accordance with the terms of this Arrangement, have the rights and obligations of a participating State as set forth in the Declaration on the GMES Space Component Programme referred to in the preamble, in the applicable implementing rules and in any other decisions governing the execution of that Programme. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Cooperation Agreement, when the Council or one of its subordinate bodies examines matters pertaining to the GMES Space Component Programme, relevant decisions shall not be withheld if Canada is the sole dissenting participating State.

ARTICLE 3

Canada shall contribute to cover the expenditure resulting from the execution of the GMES Space Component Programme in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration on the GMES Space Component Programme referred to in the Preamble and of any subsequent revision of that Declaration by the Participating States on the occasion of meetings of the Agency's Council or of the Council's subordinate bodies.