

**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FOR COOPERATION  
IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE  
OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA** and **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

**RECOGNIZING** a mutual interest in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes;

**CONSIDERING** the desirability of enhanced cooperation between the Parties in human space flight, space science and exploration, Earth science, civil aeronautics research and other activities;

**CONSIDERING** the respective interests of the Parties in the potential for commercial applications of space technologies for the benefit of the peoples of both countries;

**RECALLING** their long and fruitful cooperation since 1959 in the exploration and peaceful use of outer space, through the successful implementation of cooperative activities in a broad range of space science and applications areas;

**RECALLING** the *Agreement among the Government of Canada, Governments of Member States of the European Space Agency, the Government of Japan, the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United States of America concerning Cooperation on the Civil International Space Station*, done at Washington on 29 January 1998 (hereinafter referred to as the “IGA”);

**RECALLING** the *Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America on the Allocation of Intellectual Property Rights, Interests and Royalties for Intellectual Property Created or Furnished Under Certain Scientific and Technological Cooperative Research Activities*, done at Ottawa on 4 February 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement on Intellectual Property”); and