

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (WITH  
ATTACHED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING) CONCERNING  
CO-OPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPACE REMOTE  
SENSING FOR GLOBAL CROP INFORMATION**

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honour to refer to discussions between representatives of the Canadian Department of Agriculture and the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, and the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Department of Commerce, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration regarding proposals for co-operation in the development of space remote sensing for global crop information. The objective of the proposed co-operation is to improve the accuracy of each country's crop forecasts through an exchange of strategies, methodology and ground truth information.

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Canada approves of the proposed co-operative programme outlined in the attached 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 signed on March 14, 1978. It is understood that implementation and direction of the Canadian participation in the programme shall be the primary responsibility of the Department of Agriculture of Canada and that implementation and direction of the United States participation shall be the primary responsibility of the Department of Agriculture of the United States. It is further understood that the proposed programme shall be without prejudice to any rights and obligations of our Governments under international law with respect to remote sensing activities. The present Agreement shall be subject to review by the two Governments at any time following acceptance by both Governments of any future multilateral instrument dealing with the same substantive matters.

If the programme outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding meets with the approval of your Government, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with the attached Memorandum of Understanding, which are authentic in