

Agreements Signed

Agreement between ESA and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), signed in Bangalore (India) on 9 January by Mr K. Kasturirangan, Chairman of ISRO, and Mr Jean-Pol Poncelet, ESA Director of Strategy and External Relations. The Agreement entered into force on the date of signature and will remain in force for a period of five years. **(ESA/LEG/251)**

Agreement between ESA and the Government of the Republic of Poland concerning cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes. It was signed in Warsaw (Poland) on 24 January by Mr M. Kleiber, Minister of Science, Chairman of the State Committee for Scientific Research and Mr A. Rodotà, Director General of ESA. The Agreement shall enter into force on the day of the reception by the Agency of the written notification by the Government of the Republic of Poland of the ratification of the Agreement in accordance with its legal order and will thereafter remain in force for a period of five years. **(ESA/LEG/252)**

Agreement between ESA and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil concerning space cooperation for peaceful purposes. It was signed in Paris on 1 February by Mr R. Mota Sardenberg, Minister of Science and Technology and Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA. The Agreement shall enter into force on the day of the reception by the Agency of the written notification by the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil of the ratification of the Agreement in accordance with its legal order and will thereafter remain in force for a period of ten years. **(ESA/LEG/253)**

Convention between ESA and Arianespace concerning the production phase of Ariane Launchers. It was signed in Paris on 8 February by Mr Jean-Marie Luton, Arianespace's Director General, and by Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA, and entered into force on the same day. This

Convention cancels and supersedes the Convention signed on 24 September 1992. **(ESA/LEG/254 (R))**

Agreement between ESA and the Government of the Republic of Argentina concerning space cooperation for peaceful purposes, signed in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on 11 March by Mr Carlos Ruckauf, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and Mr Jean-Pol Poncelet, ESA's Director of Strategy and External Relations. The Agreement shall enter into force upon written notification by Argentina to the Agency that all procedures necessary for its entry into force have been completed, and will thereafter remain in force for a period of five years. **(ESA/LEG/256)**

Agreement between the Government of France and ESA concerning CSG (2002 - 2006), signed on 11 April in Paris by Mr R.G. Schwartzberg, Minister of Research, and Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA. It entered into force with retroactive effect from 1 January 2002 until 31 December 2006. **(ESA/LEG/257 (R))**

Agreement between the Government of France and ESA concerning ELA, signed on 11 April 2002 in Paris by Mr R.G. Schwartzberg, Minister of Research, and Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA. Each party shall notify the other of its approval, and the Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later of these notifications. **(ESA/LEG/258 (R))**

Arrangement between ESA and the Government of Canada concerning the latter's participation in the European Space Exploration Programme 'Aurora'. It was signed in Montreal (Canada) on 14 June by Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA, and Mr Marc Garneau, President of the Canadian Space Agency. This Arrangement entered into force on the date of its signature and will remain in force until completion of the 'Aurora' Programme. **(ESA/LEG/259)**

Arrangement between ESA and the Government of Canada concerning the latter's participation in the GMES Services Element of the European Earth Watch Programme, signed in Montreal (Canada) on 14 June by Mr Marc Garneau, President of the Canadian Space Agency, and Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA. It entered into force on the date of its signature and will remain in force until completion of the GMES Services Element of the European Earth Watch Programme. **(ESA/LEG/260)**

Implementing Arrangement between ESA and the Government of the Hellenic Republic concerning the participation of Greece in the General Support Technology Programme (GSTP), signed in Athens on 2 July by Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA, and Mr Akis Tsohatzopoulos, Ministry for Development of the Hellenic Republic. It entered into force on the date of its signature and will remain in force during the time of validity of the Cooperation Agreement between ESA and the Government of the Hellenic Republic. **(ESA/LEG/261)**

Implementing Arrangement between ESA and the Government of the Hellenic Republic concerning the participation of Greece in the Services Element of the European Earth Watch Programme (GMES), signed in Athens on 2 July by Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA, and Mr Akis Tsohatzopoulos, Ministry for Development of the Hellenic Republic. It entered into force on the date of its signature and will remain in force during the time of validity of the Cooperation Agreement between ESA and the Government of the Hellenic Republic. **(ESA/LEG/262)**

Implementing Arrangement between ESA and the Government of the Hellenic Republic concerning the participation of Greece in the ARTES Programme, signed in Athens on 2 July by Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA, and Mr Akis Tsohatzopoulos, Ministry for Development of the Hellenic Republic. It entered into force on the date of its signature and will remain in force during the time of validity of the Cooperation Agreement between ESA and the Government of the Hellenic Republic. **(ESA/LEG/263)**

Agreement for cooperation between the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (EUROCONTROL) and ESA, signed in Brussels on 26 July by Mr Victor M. Aguado for EUROCONTROL, and Mr Antonio Rodotà for ESA. It entered into force on the date of its signature and will remain in force for a period of five years. **(ESA/LEG/264)**

Agreement between ESA, CDTI and Hispasat SA, concerning the AMERHIS System, signed in Paris on 8 October by Mr A. Rodotà for ESA, Mr J. Garcia Palacios for Hispasat, and Mr V. Gomez for CDTI. It entered into force on the date of its signature. **(ESA/LEG/266)**

Founding Act of the European Space Components Coordination, signed in Paris on 8 October by, respectively, space agencies (ESA, ASI, BNSC, CNES and DLR), manufacturing industries (the Gallium Arsenide Manufacturers, the Silicon Manufacturers, the Passive Component Manufacturers, the Hybrid Manufacturers), and the user industries represented by Eurospace. The Founding Act introduces a Charter, which is the governing document for the working of the ESCC. **(ESA/LEG/267)**

Arrangement between CNES, SSTC and ESA concerning the participation of Belgium in the mission Corot – Programme Prodex, signed in Paris on 8 October by Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA, Mr Beka, General Secretary of SSTC and Mr Alain Bensoussan, President of CNES. It entered into force on the date of its signature and will remain in force for two years after the end of the Corot mission. **(ESA/LEG/268)**

Memorandum of Understanding between ESA and NASA concerning the Mars Express Mission, signed on 18 December, by Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA, and Mr Sean O'Keefe, NASA Administrator. It entered into force on the date of its signature and will remain in force until 31 December 2008. **(ESA/LEG/269)**

Memorandum of Understanding between ESA and NASA concerning the International Rosetta Mission. This was signed on 13

December by Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA, and on 18 December by Mr Sean O'Keefe, NASA Administrator. It entered into force on the date of the last signature and shall remain in force for 12 years after the launch of the Rosetta spacecraft or until December 2015, whichever occurs later. **(ESA/LEG/270)**

Implementing Arrangement between the Department of Industry Tourism and Resources of the Government of Australia (DITR) and ESA concerning the establishment of a facility at New Norcia and the operation and maintenance of this facility and ESA's facilities at the Perth International Telecommunications Centre, signed in Canberra (Australia) on 20 December by Mr Mark Paterson, Secretary of DITR, and Mr Antonio Rodotà, Director General of ESA. It entered into force on the date of its signature and supersedes the 1988 Memorandum of Understanding. **(ESA/LEG/271)**

Exchange of Diplomatic Notes signed on 20 December by Mr A. Rodotà for ESA, and by Mr H. Hirabayashi, for the Government of Japan, and Implementing Arrangement between ESA and the Institute of Space and

Astronautical Science of Japan concerning cooperation on ISAS's Astro-F Programme signed on 20 December by Mr A. Rodotà, Director General of ESA, and on 26 December by Prof. H. Matsuo, Director General of ISAS. The Implementing Arrangement entered into force on the date of the last signature. **(ESA/LEG/272)**

Agreement between the States parties to the Convention for the establishment of a European Space Agency and ESA for the protection and exchange of classified information, opened for signature by ESA Member States at ESA Headquarters on 19 August. Signed by Belgium on 28 November and Germany, Italy, Portugal and the United Kingdom on 11 December. Following signature, the Security Agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, depending on the constitutional requirements of the Member State. The instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Government of France, at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The Agreement will enter into force thirty days after the date of deposit by two signatory States of their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval.