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Amendments to the Plan for European Cooperating States (PECS) Charter between the European Space Agency and the Republic of Hungary, made by an exchange of letters on 17 and 31 March 2004 signed by Mr Jean-Pol Poncelet, ESA's Director of External Relations, and Mr Elod Both, Director of the Hungarian Space Office.

(ESA/LEG/280, add.1)

Convention between the European Space Agency and Arianespace concerning the production phase of Ariane launchers, signed in Paris on 3 April 2004 by Mr Antonio Fabrizi, ESA's Director of Launchers, and Mr Jean-Yves Le Gall, Director General of Arianespace. It entered into force on the same day. This Convention cancels and supersedes the Convention signed on 8 February 2002.

(ESA/LEG/282 (R))

Rider 5.2 to the Convention between the European Space Agency and Arianespace on the Ariane-5 launcher production phase, signed in Paris on 3 April 2004 by Mr Antonio Fabrizi, ESA's Director of Launchers, and Mr Jean-Yves Le Gall, Director General of Arianespace. This Rider entered into force on the date of its signature. The duration is limited to that of the renewed Convention between the European Space Agency and Arianespace concerning the production phase of Ariane launchers, signed on the same day.

(ESA/LEG/283 (R))

Agreement between the European Space Agency and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg concerning the accession of Luxembourg to the ESA Convention and related terms and conditions, signed in Paris on 6 May 2004 by Mr Jean-Jacques Dordain, ESA's Director General, and Ms Hennicot-Schoepges, Minister for Culture, Higher Education and Research of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. This Agreement will enter into force on the date of deposition by Luxembourg of its instrument of accession with the Government of France.

(ESA/LEG/284 (R))

Multilateral Agreement concerning the European contribution to the MIRI instrument, signed in Noordwijk (NL) on 8 June 2004 by Prof. David Southwood for ESA, Mr Richard Bonneville for CNES, Dr. Eigil Friis Christensen for DRSI, Dr. Thomas Galinski for DLR, Mr Manuel Serrano Arriza for MEC-PNE, Dr. Wilfried Boland for NOVA The University of Groningen, Prof. Richard Wade for PPARC, and Dr. Lennart Nordh for SNSB. It entered into force on the day of its signature by all Parties and shall remain in force until the end of the JWST (James Webb Space Telescope) mission.

(ESA/LEG/285)

Agreement between the European Space Agency and the Government of the Hellenic Republic concerning the accession of Greece to the ESA Convention and related terms and conditions, signed in Paris on 19 July 2004 by Mr Jean-Jacques Dordain, ESA's Director General, and Mr Dimitris Sioufas, Minister of Development of the Hellenic Republic. This Agreement will enter into force on the date of deposition by Greece of its instrument of accession with the Government of France.

(ESA/LEG/286 (R))

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Agreement between the European Space Agency and the Government of Turkey concerning cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes, signed in Ankara (Turkey) on 15 July 2004 by Mr Jean-Pol Poncelet, ESA's Director of External Relations, and Prof. Dr. Nüket Yetis, Acting President of the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK). It shall, for the Government of Turkey, be subject to approval in accordance with the legal order of Turkey and will enter into force upon notification by the Government of Turkey of such approval. It will remain in force for a period of five years.

(ESA/LEG/287)

Agreement between the European Space Agency and Eumetsat concerning the Meteosat Second Generation (MSG) fourth satellite, signed in Paris on 2 November 2004 by Mr Jean-Jacques Dordain, ESA's Director General, and Dr. Lars Prahm, Director General of Eumetsat. It shall remain in force at least for the period until the delivery into storage of the MSG-4 satellite.

(ESA/LEG/288)

Agreement between the European Space Agency and the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) on cooperation for the implementation of the SMOS mission, signed in Paris on 19 November 2004 by Mr Jean-Jacques Dordain, ESA's Director General, and Mr Yannick D'Escatha, President of CNES. The Agreement entered into force on the day of its signature and will remain into force until full completion of the activities described in it.

(ESA/LEG/289)

Plan for European Cooperating State (PECS) Charter between the European Space Agency and the Czech Republic, signed in Prague on 24 November 2004 by Mr Lars Fredén, ESA's Head of International Relations, and Ms Petra Buzkova, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports. It entered into force on the day of its signature.

(ESA/LEG/290)

Extension of the Agreement between the Deutsche Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. (DLR) and the European Space Agency concerning the installation and utilisation of certain assets located at Lampoldshausen, made by an exchange of letters dated 13 and 22 December 2004, signed by Mr Jean-Jacques Dordain, ESA's Director General, and Mr Sigmar Wittig, for DLR. The duration of the Agreement has been extended until 31 December 2005.

(ESA/LEG/234 add. 1)

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