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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND, BELGIUM, DENMARK,
FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,
ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SPAIN,
SWEDEN and SWITZERLAND**

Agreement (with annex) setting up a Preparatory Commission to study the possibilities of European collaboration in the field of space research. Done at Meyrin, on 1 December 1960

Official texts : English and French.

Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 20 November 1961.

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD, BELGIQUE, DANEMARK,
FRANCE, RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE,
ITALIE, PAYS-BAS, NORVÈGE, ESPAGNE,
SUÈDE et SUISSE**

Accord (avec annexe) instituant une commission préparatoire pour l'étude des possibilités d'une collaboration européenne dans le domaine des recherches spatiales. Fait à Meyrin, le 1^{er} décembre 1960

Textes officiels anglais et français.

Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 20 novembre 1961.

No. 5970. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SPAIN, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND SETTING UP A PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITIES OF EUROPEAN COLLABORATION IN THE FIELD OF SPACE RESEARCH. DONE AT MEYRIN, ON 1 DECEMBER 1960

The Governments of Belgium, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

Interested in studying the possibilities of European collaboration in research in space science and space technology and in the pooling of the knowledge thereof,

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

A Preparatory Commission shall be set up to investigate the possibilities of establishing a European Organisation for collaboration in space research.

¹ In accordance with article 10, the Agreement came into force on 27 February 1961 in respect of the following States, the aggregate of whose contributions amounts to at least 70 per cent of the total of contributions provided for in article 8 (a) and set forth in the Annex to the Agreement, and which signed the Agreement without reservation as to ratification or, having signed it subject to ratification, deposited their instruments of ratification with the Government of the Swiss Confederation :

Signatures without reservation as to ratification

Belgium	1 December 1960
Denmark (see footnote 1, p. 118 of this volume.)	1 December 1960
Federal Republic of Germany	27 February 1961
Norway	1 December 1960
Netherlands	1 December 1960
Sweden	1 December 1960
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . .	1 December 1960

Ratifications

France	27 January 1961
Switzerland	24 February 1961

Article 2

The Members of the Commission are the States which are parties to the present Agreement.

The Commission may, by a unanimous decision, admit other European States wishing to become Members.

The Commission may also by a unanimous decision invite other States to associate themselves with its work. The conditions and the form of such association shall be determined by the Commission according to the circumstances of each case.

Article 3

Each Member State shall be represented on the Commission by two delegates who may be assisted by advisers.

Each Member State shall have one vote.

Article 4

With a view to the convening of an intergovernmental Conference, the Commission shall prepare and submit to Member States :

- (a) a draft agenda for the said Conference together with proposals concerning the place and the date of its meeting ;
- (b) a draft convention for the establishment of a European Organisation for space research ;
- (c) a draft scientific and technical programme ;
- (d) a draft budget for the capital and running expenses of the Organisation during the first three years of its existence ;
- (e) draft rules regulating the calculation of contributions ;
- (f) draft rules of financial procedure and draft staff regulations ;
- (g) draft agreements with other organisations interested in co-operation in the field of space research.

The draft documents mentioned above shall be submitted to the Governments of Member States at least two months before the date contemplated for the meeting of the Conference.

Furthermore the Commission shall encourage discussions and the exchange of scientific information among Members.

Article 5

(a) The Government of the French Republic shall convene the first meeting of the Preparatory Commission in Paris within 30 days following the date of the entry into force of the present Agreement.