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**AUSTRALIA, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

and

**THE EUROPEAN ORGANISATION
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION
OF SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCHERS**

**Interim Agreement for the conduct of the Phase I firings of
the Initial Programme of the Organisation. Done at
Paris, on 6 May 1964**

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Vehicle Launchers on 21 October 1964.*

**AUSTRALIE, ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

et

**ORGANISATION EUROPÉENNE
POUR LA MISE AU POINT ET LA CONSTRUCTION
DE LANCEURS D'ENGINS SPATIAUX**

**Accord provisoire relatif à la conduite des tirs de la phase I
du programme initial de l'Organisation. Fait à Paris,
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No. 7442. INTERIM AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCHERS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE PHASE I FIRINGS OF THE INITIAL PROGRAMME OF THE ORGANISATION. DONE AT PARIS, ON 6 MAY 1964

The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia (hereinafter called "the Commonwealth"),

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter called "the United Kingdom"), and

The European Organisation for the Development and Construction of Space Vehicle Launchers (hereinafter called "the Organisation"),

CONSIDERING that certain firings in relation to the initial programme defined in Article 16 of the Convention for the establishment of a European Organisation for the Development and Construction of Space Vehicle Launchers, opened for signature at London from 29th March to 30th April, 1962,² shall be conducted in Australia soon after the entry into force of said Convention, and that final agreement has not yet been reached regarding the conditions under which firings shall be conducted in Australia ;

AND CONSIDERING that it is provided in Article 17 of the Convention that subject to the provisions of the Convention all operations in connection with a programme of the Organisation shall be carried out in accordance with conditions agreed with the Member State within whose jurisdiction the operations take place ;

AND CONSIDERING that it has been agreed that the conditions for the carrying out of operations in Australia during such time as is required for the final agreement to be concluded will be provided by an interim agreement ;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

SCOPE OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT

This Interim Agreement shall apply to the operations of the Organisation within Australia until the entry into force of a final agreement entered into in respect of

¹ Came into force on 6 May 1964, upon signature, in accordance with article 11.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 507, No. 7401.

those operations as provided in Article 17 of the Convention or until the completion of firings of the first stage alone from Woomera on behalf of the Organisation by the Department of Supply of the Government of the Commonwealth (hereinafter called "the Department") and the Ministry of Aviation of the United Kingdom (hereinafter called "the Ministry") whichever first occurs.

Article 2

FIRINGS PROCEDURE

(1) As far as is practicable firings will be planned and conducted in accordance with the established practices and procedures of the Department.

(2) Further specifications relating to the planning and procedures for the conduct of the firings will be introduced by agreement between the Department and the Ministry.

Article 3

FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANISATION

The Ministry shall be responsible for the provision of—

- (a) a general statement of the overall requirements of the Organisation in terms acceptable to the Department ;
- (b) (i) specifications covering the requirements for each firing,
(ii) advice of the information required by the Organisation from the Department in respect of each firing ;
- (c) such further technical information as is required by the Department including that required by the procedures referred to in Article 2 (1) above ;
- (d) complete test vehicles with appropriate checkout and monitoring and other equipment as agreed with the Department ;
- (e) personnel to perform and accept responsibility for the preparation of the test vehicles and for all other activities as agreed with the Department and not vested in it by the terms of Article 4 hereunder ;
- (f) range user equipment as agreed with the Department, including its installation, operation and maintenance ;
- (g) training of personnel of the Department to the extent that the parties agree is necessary for firings ;
- (h) assistance to the Department in obtaining equipment which is necessary for the firings and which the Department cannot readily obtain ;
- (i) equipment necessary for firings which cannot be obtained by the Department.

Article 4

FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANISATION

Subject to funds being made available in advance* the Department shall be responsible for the provision, general range management and operational co-ordination of all areas and facilities associated with firings within Australia, and, subject as aforesaid and without affecting the generality of the foregoing shall be responsible for :

- (a) (i) the provision and allocation of areas and buildings to be used in connection with the firings of test vehicles ;
(ii) the construction of additional, and the modification of existing site facilities as required by the Organisation pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 3 ;
- (b) the overall management and operation of the Woomera Range ;
- (c) the provision as agreed with the Ministry of transport for test vehicles and associated equipment between the point of entry into Australia and the point of use ;
- (d) provision of such items of Range equipment, as are agreed with the Ministry ;
- (e) provision as agreed with the Ministry of the propellants required for test vehicles and the loading thereof into test vehicles, including provision of the necessary equipment, except for that covered by Article 3 (f) above ;
- (f) the supply of the information required by the Organisation in respect of each firing.

Article 5

SAFETY

The Department will, in its responsibilities :

- (a) decide the location of any facility having regard particularly to the requirement for safe distances where explosive or fire risks are involved ;
- (b) determine the periods when potentially hazardous conditions exist and regulate the movement of personnel, the occupation and use of facilities in such circumstances ;
- (c) lay down the protective measures which are necessary to safeguard against recognized hazards ;

* in amounts mutually determined by the Department and the Organisation.