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No. 7634. CONVENTION¹ FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION.
SIGNED AT PARIS, ON 14 JUNE 1962

The States parties to this Convention,

Desiring to establish European collaboration, exclusively for peaceful purposes, in the field of space research,

Considering the proposals submitted by the Preparatory Commission established by the Agreement opened for signature at Meyrin (Switzerland) on the first of December, 1960,²

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

ORGANISATION

1. A European Space Research Organisation, hereinafter referred to as “the Organisation”, is hereby established.

2. The Members of the Organisation hereinafter referred to as “Member States”, shall be those States which sign and ratify the Convention in accordance with article XX and such other States as may accede to it in accordance with article XXII.

3. The Headquarters of the Organisation shall be at Paris.

¹ In accordance with article XXI of the Convention and paragraph 5 of the second under-mentioned Protocol, the Convention, the Financial Protocol annexed thereto (see p. 59 of this volume) and the Protocol concerning the financing of the European Space Research Organization during its first eight years of existence (see p. 69 of this volume) came into force on 20 March 1964, the date on which six States, the aggregate of whose contributions amounted to more than 75 per cent of the total contributions according to the scale set out in the annex to the Financial Protocol, had ratified those instruments, and on which date the special arrangements referred to in article XXI, par. 1 (b), had been concluded with Italy, being one of the States on the territory of which the Organization will have an establishment in accordance with the provisions of article VI of the Convention. The Convention and the two abovementioned Protocols came into force on 20 March 1964 for the following States, on behalf of which the instruments of ratification were deposited with the Government of France on the dates indicated :

Switzerland	16 April	1963
Netherlands	12 June	1963
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	30 August	1963
France	17 January	1964
Federal Republic of Germany	24 February	1964
Sweden	7 March	1964
Denmark	13 March	1964

They came into force for Belgium on 21 March 1964, the date of deposit of its instrument of ratification. The Convention and annexed Financial Protocol came into force for Spain on 20 March 1964, its instrument of ratification of the Convention having been deposited on 18 January 1964.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 414, p. 109, and Vol. 507, p. 312.

Article II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Organisation shall be to provide for, and to promote, collaboration among European States in space research and technology, exclusively for peaceful purposes.

Article III

INFORMATION AND DATA

1. The scientific results of experiments carried out with the assistance of the Organisation shall be published or otherwise made generally available. After prior use by the scientists responsible for the experiments, the reduced data resulting from such experiments shall be the property of the Organisation.

2. Subject to patent rights, the technical results of the Organisation's activities shall normally be published or otherwise made generally available.

3. Member States shall facilitate the exchange of scientific and technical information, provided that a Member State shall not be required to communicate any information obtained outside the Organisation if it considers that such communication would be contrary to the interests of its security, or to its own agreement with a third party, or that it would violate the conditions under which this information had been obtained.

Article IV

EXCHANGE OF PERSONS

Member States shall facilitate the exchange of persons concerned with space research and technology, provided that this shall not affect the application to any person of their laws and regulations relating to entry into, residence in, or departure from, their territories.

Article V

PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

In order to fulfil its purpose, the Organisation shall carry out a programme of scientific research and related technological activities. It may in particular :

a. design and construct sounding rocket payloads, satellites and space probes, carrying instruments provided by Member States or by the Organisation itself;

- b.* procure launching vehicles and arrange for their launching;
- c.* provide means for the reception, collection, reduction and analysis of data;
- d.* support research and development as required for its programme;
- e.* promote and provide for contacts between scientists and engineers, their interchange and advanced training;
- f.* disseminate information among Member States;
- g.* co-operate with research institutions in the Member States and assist in the co-ordination of their efforts;
- h.* make contractual arrangements for the use of launching ranges for rockets and satellites and other facilities available in Member or other States.

Article VI

FACILITIES

The Organisation may establish and operate the facilities necessary for its programme. In order to meet its initial requirements, it shall establish and operate :

- a.* a European Space Technology Centre to undertake or arrange for the activities referred to under article V, *a* and to promote and take part in advanced technological research and specific studies related to space research;
- b.* near the Centre referred to under sub-paragraph *a* above, a research laboratory to undertake joint research programmes on the minimum scale deemed necessary by the Council, referred to in article X, to complete or complement the scientific studies carried out in the Member States;
- c.* sounding rocket launching facilities;
- d.* a Data Centre and tracking, telemetry and telecommand stations equipped with the apparatus necessary to fulfil the tasks referred to in article V, *c*.

Article VII

Launchings

1. The programme of the Organisation shall provide for the launching of :
 - a.* sounding rockets;
 - b.* small satellites in near earth orbits and small space probes;

c. large satellites and large space probes.

2. The number of launchings shall be decided by the Council with a view to providing reasonable opportunities for scientifically valuable experiments, devised by Member States or by the Organisation itself, to be carried out.

Article VIII

SPECIAL PROJECTS

If, outside the agreed programme but within the scope of the Organisation, one or more Member States engage in a project in connection with which the Council decides, by a two-thirds majority of all Member States, to make available the assistance of the Organisation or the use of its facilities, the resulting cost to the Organisation shall be refunded to the Organisation by the State or States concerned.

Article IX

ORGANS

The Organisation shall consist of a Council and a Director-General assisted by a staff.

Article X

THE COUNCIL. — COMPOSITION

1. The Council shall be composed of representatives of the Member States. Each Member State may be represented by not more than two delegates, who may be accompanied by advisers.

MEETINGS

2. The Council shall meet at least twice a year. The meetings shall be held at the seat of the Organisation's Headquarters, unless otherwise decided by the Council.

BUREAU

3. The Council shall elect a chairman and two vice-chairmen, who shall hold office for one year and may be re-elected on not more than two consecutive occasions.

COMPETENCE

4. The Council shall, subject to the provisions of this Convention :