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and
FRANCE**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8537. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC ON CO-OPERATION IN THE STUDY AND EXPLORATION OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. SIGNED AT MOSCOW, ON 30 JUNE 1966

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of the French Republic,

Recognizing the importance of the study and exploration of outer space for peaceful purposes,

Believing that co-operation between the USSR and France in this field will contribute to wider co-operation between the two countries in the future and is in keeping with the spirit of traditional friendship between the peoples of the Soviet Union and France,

Considering that such co-operation in the field of space would be an important step towards the achievement of European technical and scientific co-operation,

Expressing their satisfaction at the contacts which have already occurred in this field between interested organizations of the USSR and France,

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The two Governments have decided to prepare and carry out a programme of scientific and technical co-operation between the USSR and France in the study and peaceful exploration of outer space. To that end, they shall give their support and assistance to the interested organizations of the two countries.

Article 2

Such co-operation shall be effected :

—In the field of study of outer space and shall include, in principle, the launching of a French satellite by the Soviet Union ;

¹ Came into force on 25 August 1966, the date on which the Contracting Parties notified each other that the legal procedures required for giving effect to the Agreement had been fulfilled, in accordance with article 6.