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**European Community, European Organization for the Safety of
Air Navigation
and
European Space Agency**

Agreement between the European Community, the European Space Agency and the European Organization for the safety of air navigation on a European contribution to the development of a global navigation satellite system (GNSS) (with annexes). Luxembourg, 18 June 1998

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**Communauté européenne, Organisation européenne
pour la sécurité de la navigation aérienne
et
Agence spatiale européenne**

Accord entre la Communauté européenne, l'Agence spatiale européenne et l'Organisation européenne pour la sécurité de la navigation aérienne relatif à une contribution européenne à la mise en place d'un système global de navigation par satellite (GNSS) (avec annexes). Luxembourg, 18 juin 1998

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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,
THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY
AND THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION
FOR THE SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION
ON A EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT
OF A GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM (GNSS)

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, hereafter referred to as the "Community", represented by Gavin Strang, Minister of Transport of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and President-in-Office of the Council of the European Union, and Neil Kinnock, Member of the Commission of the European Communities (Transport),

and

THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY, established by the Convention of the European Space Agency opened for signature in Paris on 30 May 1975 (hereafter referred to as "ESA"), represented by Antonio Rodotà, Director-General,

and

THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR THE SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION, established by the Convention relating to Cooperation for the Safety of Air Navigation of 13 December 1960, as amended by the Protocol of 12 February 1981 (hereafter referred to as "Eurocontrol"), represented by Yves Lambert, Director-General,

(hereafter collectively referred to as "the Parties"),

TAKING NOTE that studies on navigation by satellite are evolving from research to the definition of an operational application system and that these have reached a sufficient degree of maturity for a European contribution to a global navigation satellite system thereby enhancing the involvement of European industry in this field;

TAKING NOTE of the interest expressed by European Governments in a European contribution to satellite navigation as expressed on the occasion of the European Civil Aviation Conference meeting of 10 June 1994;

HAVING REGARD to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities (hereafter referred to as the "Commission") on satellite navigation services of 14 June 1994, the European Parliament Resolution of 13 November 1994, the Resolution of the Council of the European Union of 19 December 1994 on the European contribution to the development of a Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS), the conclusions of the Council of the European Union of 14 March 1995, inviting the European Commission to contribute to the implementation of the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS 1) by taking all necessary measures for the leasing of the AOR-E and IOR Inmarsat III transponders, and Decision No 1692/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 1996 on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network;

HAVING REGARD to the ESA Council's approval of this Agreement on 24 June 1997 under Article 14(1) of the Convention of the European Space Agency;

HAVING REGARD to Measure 83/22 taken by the Eurocontrol Permanent Commission on 31 January 1995, pursuant to Article 11 of the Convention relating to Cooperation for the Safety of Air Navigation, as amended on 12 February 1981;

RECOGNIZING the necessity of coordinating further their activities in order to ensure the credibility and effectiveness of a European involvement in this domain, in particular with regard to the development of a satellite navigation system using Inmarsat III navigation payloads for which the Parties submitted a proposal entitled the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS) which was accepted by the Inmarsat Council on 21 November 1994 and also on 15 November 1995,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement shall be to establish cooperation between the Parties with a view to providing a European contribution to the development of a Global Navigation Satellite System. That concerted effort shall be aimed at placing Europe in a position to allow provision for a satellite navigation service which, as far as practicable, satisfies the requirements of civil users for operational use independently of other means of radio navigation and positioning.

ARTICLE 2

Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement:

"Global Navigation Satellite System" hereafter referred to as "GNSS" means a satellite-based worldwide position-, velocity-, and time-determination system which fulfils on a permanent basis potential user requirements for civil applications.

"GNSS 1": means an initial implementation of GNSS, based upon the existing United States of America and Russian military satellite navigation systems, augmented by civil systems, designed to provide the user with sufficient independent monitoring of the whole system.