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**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN
FOR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES
IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE
FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES**

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PREAMBLE

The Government of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as "the United States") and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden (hereinafter referred to as "Sweden"), (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties"):

Recognizing the mutual interest of the Parties in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes;

Recognizing nearly three decades of successful space science cooperation between the Parties;

Recalling the 1996 Memorandum of Understanding between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States of America and the Swedish National Space Board for Cooperative Sounding Rocket Activities;

Recognizing the mutual benefit to be gained from working together for the peaceful use of outer space for the welfare of all humankind;

Considering the desirability of expanding the scope of cooperation between the Parties in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes;

Considering the respective interests of the Parties in the potential for applications of space technologies for the benefit of the peoples of both countries;

Recognizing the value of international cooperation and of combining efforts for the exploration and use of outer space;

Recognizing the need to comply with the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), of which both the Parties are members;

Wishing to promote and facilitate commercial and industrial cooperation in the area of space activities for the mutual benefit of the Parties;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

1. The Parties shall identify areas of mutual interest and seek to develop cooperative programs or projects (hereinafter referred to as "Programs") in the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space and shall work closely together to this end.
2. These Programs may be undertaken, as mutually agreed and subject to the provisions of this Framework Agreement and the specific terms and conditions of Implementing Arrangements set forth pursuant to Article 2, in the following areas:

- (a) Space science;
- (b) Earth science;
- (c) Biological and physical research;
- (d) Other areas of mutual interest.

3. These Programs may be implemented using the following:

- (a) Spacecraft and space research platforms;
- (b) Scientific instruments onboard spacecraft and space research platforms;
- (c) Sounding rocket and scientific balloon flights and campaigns;
- (d) Aircraft flights and campaigns;
- (e) Ground-based antennas for tracking and data acquisition;
- (f) Ground-based space research facilities;
- (g) Exchanges of scientific personnel;
- (h) Exchanges of scientific data; and
- (i) Education and public outreach activities.

4. All activities under this Framework Agreement shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the respective national laws and regulations of each Party.

5. This Agreement shall not apply to activities undertaken pursuant to the Agreement Among the Government of Canada, the Government of Member States of the European Space Agency, the Government of Japan, the Government of the Russian Federation, and the Government of the United States of America Concerning Cooperation on the Civil International Space Station, done at Washington on January 29, 1998, (hereinafter referred to as the "IGA") or any subsequent agreement that modifies or supersedes the IGA.

ARTICLE 2

IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES AND ARRANGEMENTS

1. The United States designates the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as "NASA") and Sweden designates the Swedish National Space Board (hereinafter referred to as "SNSB") as implementing agencies for the purpose of this Framework Agreement. The Parties may designate other implementing agencies for specific Programs, as necessary, under this Framework Agreement.

2. The specific terms and conditions for Programs shall be set forth in implementing arrangements between the implementing agencies (hereinafter referred to as "Implementing Arrangements"). Implementing Arrangements under this Framework Agreement shall include, as appropriate, provisions related to the nature and scope of the Programs and the individual and joint responsibilities of the implementing agencies, transfer of technical data and goods, invention and patent rights, liability, and financial arrangements, consistent with the provisions of this Framework Agreement. Such Implementing Arrangements shall incorporate by reference and be subject to this Framework Agreement, unless the Parties agree