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**european space agency
agence spatiale européenne**

Professor Reimar Lüst
Director General

Paris,

17 DEC 1986

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement on cooperation between Canada and the European Space Agency, signed on 9 January 1984 and accompanied by an exchange of letters, and specifically to Article - IV.1 thereof, which stipulates that Canada shall contribute to certain outputs of the Agency's General Budget at a rate of 3% for the first three years of the period covered by the Agreement and that the percentage in question shall be reviewed for the last two years. The exchange of letters accompanying the Agreement states that the review will have as an objective a progressive approach towards a rate based on a GNP contribution, taking into account the eventual decision on Canada's future status in the Agency.

I have noted with pleasure Canada's wish, as stated in its long-term space plan, to strengthen its relations with the European Space Agency. The meeting held at the beginning of September 1986 provided the opportunity for a detailed and fruitful exchange of views and for taking stock of the interest of both parties in continued cooperation.

On this basis I propose that Canada contribute to the outputs of the General Budget identified in the current cooperation Agreement

at a rate of 3.24% for 1987 and
at a rate of 3.58% for 1988.

This increase indicates the progression to be continued in the subsequent cooperation Agreement in order to raise Canada's contribution to General Budget outputs to a rate representing half of its gross national product.

I propose that the present letter and your affirmative reply constitute formal amendment of Article IV.1 of the cooperation Agreement of 9 January 1984.

Please accept, Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration.



R. Lüst

Honourable Frank Oberle

Minister of State for
Science and Technology

II

Ministre d'État chargé
des Sciences et de la Technologie

The Honourable L'honorable
Frank Oberle

APR 15 1987

Professor Reimar Lüst
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Dear Professor Lüst:

This is to acknowledge your letter dated 17 December 1986 in which you refer to the review of Canada's contribution to certain outputs of the Agency's General Budget, pursuant to Article IV.1 of the Cooperation Agreement between Canada and the European Space Agency signed on 9 January 1984. I regret the delay in this reply, but our internal procedures on matters relating to the Cooperation Agreement are extremely complex.

As you note, the Exchange of Letters accompanying the Agreement states that the review would have as an objective a progressive approach towards a rate based on a GNP contribution, taking into account the eventual decision on Canada's future status in the Agency. The Exchange of Letters also states that review of this rate would take account of the evolution of Canada's participation in the activities and programmes of the Agency.

I agree with you that the review meeting held at the beginning of September 1986 provided the opportunity for a fruitful exchange of views. With reference to the stated objectives of the review, both sides recognized that the ratio of Canada's overall participation in optional programmes to the overall volume of the Agency's budget is declining and that a progressive increase in Canada's rate of contribution to the General Budget under a subsequent cooperation Agreement would be justified should this decline be reversed. Both sides also recognized the problem of Canada's low industrial return, particularly with regard to the General Budget. Your officials agreed that positive steps would be taken to remedy this situation.