

**CONVENTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A EUROPEAN  
ORGANISATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF  
SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCHERS (WITH ANNEXES)**

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**ARTICLE 1  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORGANISATION**

- (1) A European Organisation for the Development and Construction of Space Vehicle Launchers (hereinafter referred to as "the Organisation") is hereby established.
- (2) The seat of the Organisation shall be in Paris.

**ARTICLE 2  
AIMS**

- (1) The Organisation shall have as its aim the development and construction of space vehicle launchers and their equipment suitable for practical applications and for supply to eventual users.
- (2) The Organisation shall concern itself only with peaceful applications of such launchers and equipment.
- (3) The results of the work of the Organisation shall be freely accessible to Member States, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.

(4) The Organisation shall seek to promote the co-ordinated development of techniques relevant to its activity in the Member States and shall assist Member States, on request, to make use of the techniques used or developed in the course of its work.

### ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

(1) The Members of the Organisation shall be those States which sign and ratify this Convention in accordance with Articles 26 and 27.

(2) Other States may be invited to become Members of the Organisation by acceding to this Convention on such terms as the Council referred to in Article 13 shall decide.

### ARTICLE 4 PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMMES

(1) The States parties to this Convention shall participate in the initial programme described in Article 16.

(2) Further programmes shall be decided by the Council.

(3) Subject to the provisions of Article 18 (3), every Member State shall be obliged to contribute financially to further programmes, unless it formally declares itself as not interested and therefore does not participate in them.

### ARTICLE 5 FACILITIES

(1) The Organisation shall use to the fullest extent practicable any facilities available to Member States.

(2) The Organisation may, if necessary, establish additional facilities.

(3) Any Member State participating in a programme of the Organisation shall be entitled to use for any peaceful purpose of its own, facilities that have been made available to the Organisation by another State or have been established by it in the course of that programme subject to the approval having first been obtained of the State within whose jurisdiction the facilities are situated and on conditions agreed with that State and, in the

case of facilities established by the Organisation, with the Organisation. The Member State which makes facilities available to the Organisation shall retain the right to use those facilities freely and by priority, with due regard to the contractual arrangements between that State and the Organisation.

(4) Any arrangement between the Organisation and a Member State for the creation of facilities on the territory of that State shall provide for the circumstances which would arise should that State cease to be a Member of the Organisation.

#### ARTICLE 6 DISTRIBUTION OF WORK AND PLACING OF CONTRACTS

(1) Within the framework of the decisions of the Council on the distribution of work in accordance with the provisions of Article 14 (2) (f) and within the budgetary provisions made by the Council, whenever the Government of the Member State to which work is allotted so desires, contracts for carrying out the initial programme shall be placed by that Government according to its usual procedures or such other procedures as may be adopted by a unanimous decision of the Council. Such contracts shall be carried out at the expense of the Organisation.

(2) Contracts may also be placed directly by the Organisation in agreement with the Government of the State in the territory of which the work is to be carried out.

(3) The Council shall determine the adequate distribution of work on the further programmes of the Organisation in the light of technical and economic criteria.

(4) The Council shall determine the rules by which contracts for carrying out work on such further programmes shall be placed.

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