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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON SPACE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN

The United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain, desiring to increase the cooperation in the space field which they have been carrying out for a long time, and taking into account the scientific benefits which manned space vehicles, generically denominated as "space shuttle," signify for the exploration and utilization of outer space for peaceful purposes, agree as follows:

### Article 1

1. In case of emergency, manned space vehicles of the United States of America may, subject to the terms of this Agreement, overfly, enter and depart Spanish air space and use the runways, taxiways, and other installations which are authorized under Article 3(1) of this Agreement at the Moron de la Frontera, Rota and Zaragoza bases.

2. In case of a more severe emergency which prevents the shuttle from reaching these bases, it could land at the airport of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Gando Air Base), Canary Islands.

### Article 2

In order to make use of the referenced authorization, the authorities of the United States of America, shall submit the corresponding request for each flight to the United States-Spanish Permanent Committee at least 90 days in advance of the scheduled launch date.

### Article 3

1. The request submitted by the U.S. shall specify:
- A) Each flight's mission or missions, briefly described, specifying whether it has the character of operational support or research;

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 9 May 1994, the date on which the Parties notified each other (on 3 September 1991 and 9 May 1994) of the completion of their respective constitutional requirements, in accordance with article 12 (2).

- B) The dates scheduled for the initiation and termination of the flight;
- C) The airport, the Spanish base or bases and installations whose use is foreseen;
- D) The specific measures which must be adopted in Spain before, during and after the flight, with an indication of their tentative dates;
- E) The timetable of the orbits for which the base or bases in question might be used; and
- F) The nature of any hazardous materials that may be present on the flight and the specific handling procedures for such materials.

2. Independent of specific missions of the space shuttle, the Government of the United States of America may undertake necessary preparations, upon prior authorization by the Government of Spain, as required to support the objectives contained in Article 1 of this Agreement on any of the bases specified in said Article.

#### Article 4

The Spanish authorities shall reply 60 days before the scheduled launch date of the manned space vehicle.

#### Article 5

1. The Spanish Government reaffirms its policy, with relation to nuclear arms and materiel, contained in the exchange of notes of December 1, 1988, annexed to the Agreement on Defense Cooperation between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain signed in Madrid on December 1, 1988.<sup>1</sup>

2. The Government of the United States of America reaffirms to the Government of Spain its long-standing obligation not to place in orbit around the earth any objects carrying nuclear weapons or any other kinds of weapons of mass destruction, install such weapons on celestial bodies, or station such weapons in outer space in any other manner.

#### Article 6

The authorizations which may be granted under Article 3 shall not involve any cost to the Government of Spain, nor the undertaking of any commitment affecting private interests.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1539, No. I-26701.