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**United States of America  
and  
Japan**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement between the United States of America and Japan concerning the terms and conditions for cooperation on the Mu Space Engineering Spacecraft-C (MUSES-C) Program (with memorandum of understanding, 30 April 2003 and 08 May 2003). Washington, 25 April 2003**

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**États-Unis d'Amérique  
et  
Japon**

**Echange de notes constituant un accord entre les États-Unis d'Amérique et le Japon concernant les termes et conditions de la coopération sur le programme relatif à l'ingénierie spatiale Mu du vaisseau spatial-C (MUSES-C) (avec mémorandum d'accord, 30 avril 2003 et 08 mai 2003). Washington, 25 avril 2003**

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON**

April 25, 2003

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the recent discussions between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and of the Government of Japan concerning the terms and conditions whereby cooperation on the Mu Space Engineering Spacecraft-C (MUSES-C) Program (hereinafter referred to as "the Program") will be undertaken between the two Governments.

In consideration of the continuing mutually beneficial relationship between the two Governments in the field of peaceful exploration and use of outer space; taking into account the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan on Cooperation in Research and Development in Science and Technology, signed at Toronto, on June 20, 1988, as extended and amended; and reaffirming that the provisions of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan Concerning Cross-Waiver of Liability for Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of

His Excellency,

Ryozo Kato,

Ambassador of Japan.

Space for Peaceful Purposes, signed at Washington, on April 24, 1995, and the Exchange of Notes of the same date between the two Governments concerning subrogated claims shall apply to the Program, I have the further honor to propose on behalf of the Government of the United States of America the following arrangements:

1. Cooperation on the Program will be executed for the Government of the United States of America by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (hereinafter referred to as "NASA") and for the Government of Japan by the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (hereinafter referred to as "ISAS").

2. With a view to setting forth detailed terms and conditions for cooperation on the Program, NASA and ISAS will conclude implementing arrangements (Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as "the MOU"), providing, inter alia, that NASA and ISAS will jointly undertake ground observation of a target asteroid, tracking of the MUSES-C to be provided by ISAS, and a detailed analysis of samples to be collected from the asteroid by the MUSES-C.

3. The provisions of the present arrangements and the MOU shall be implemented in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in each country. Activities under the present arrangements and the MOU shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

4. NASA and ISAS shall consult with each other regarding any matter that may arise from or in connection with the cooperation on the Program. If the matter cannot be resolved through such consultations, consultations between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan shall be held through diplomatic channels with a view to finding a mutually acceptable solution.

5. The present arrangements shall remain in force for a period of eight years, unless terminated by either Government upon six months' written notice through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate them. The present arrangements may be extended or amended by mutual written agreement of the two Governments.

I have the further honor to propose that, if the foregoing arrangements are acceptable to the Government of Japan, this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which will enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

*Mary Beth West*