

RESOLUTION ON
A LOAN FACILITY FOR FRENCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Adopted at the 4th meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 23 - 24 April 1987

The EUMETSAT Council,

CONSIDERING the special circumstances of the payment of contributions by France until the end of the Meteosat Operational Programme: France has established the internal budgetary provision for level payments during the course of the MOP and had previously arranged loans with ESA to cover the peak costs during the early years of the programme. France wished to apply the same procedure for the remaining years of the MOP,

NOTING that France, through its prior arrangements with ESA, had made efforts to discharge its liabilities in a responsible manner before the due dates for payment,

CONSIDERING that France will take over full responsibility for any loan contracted by EUMETSAT on its behalf, including reimbursement of all associated costs (administrative charges, interest payments, EUMETSAT overheads),

CONSIDERING that in practice the commercial banks are prepared to support such loans and accept that France is responsible for the loan, EUMETSAT being an intermediate,

CONSIDERING that this will not increase the programme cost-to-completion,

RECOGNISING that this special case is not covered by the EUMETSAT Financial Rules (Art. 12(6) of the Financial Rules),

NOTING that this differs from the circumstances in which EUMETSAT, when a contribution is not paid, levies a 1% premium of standard interest rates (Art. 12(7) of the Financial Rules),

RECOGNISING that this resolution requires, in accordance with the Convention Article 5.2(b) (iv), a two-thirds majority of the Member States present and voting, representing also at least two-thirds of the total amount of contributions,

RECOGNISING that this is an exceptional case in view of the fact that the interim phase of the MOP has been governed by the Financial Rules of ESA, which allow the taking over of loans by ESA on behalf of Member States,

AUTHORISES the Director of EUMETSAT to obtain a loan for France with the sole objective of enabling France to provide contributions to the initial programme of EUMETSAT on the due date.

RESOLUTION ON
SPECIAL PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOME MEMBER STATES

Adopted at the 4th meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 23 - 24 April 1987

The EUMETSAT Council,

CONSIDERING the special circumstances of the payment of contributions by Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Ireland for the period until the end of the Meteosat Operational Programme. All of these countries have established internal budgetary provision for level payments during the course of the MOP and had previously arranged a corresponding payment procedure with ESA for contributions due during the early years of the programme. The Council had, at its previous meeting, requested the Secretariat to define, in cooperation with the States concerned, payment procedures for consideration by Council. The draft payment procedures are given in EUM/C/87/10,

CONSIDERING that Sweden had declared its position regarding level payments when signing the Convention,

NOTING that the PB-OM, in anticipation of the EUMETSAT Council, has accepted special payment arrangements with Denmark and Finland,

AGREES that this is a special case where Art. 12(6) and (7) of the EUMETSAT Financial Rules shall not apply,

NOTING with pleasure that Denmark is now able to offer an increased contribution, from 0.5 to 0.58%, during remaining years of the programme in support of the efforts to solve the shortfall problem,

AGREES to the payment procedures for the Member States mentioned under paragraph 1 as described in EUM/C/87/10 in accordance with the Convention, Article 5.2 (b) (iv).

RESOLUTION ON
THE PREPARATION OF METEOSAT SECOND GENERATION

**Adopted at the 5th meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 16 and 17 September 1987**

The EUMETSAT Member States,

RECALLING the primary objective of EUMETSAT to establish, maintain and exploit European Systems of operational meteorological satellites,

RECALLING that the initial programme of geostationary satellites (Meteosat Operational Programme) will expire in 1995,

BEARING IN MIND that geostationary satellites have become an indispensable part of modern meteorology,

CONSIDERING the necessity to provide for continuity in the utilisation of geostationary satellites,

NOTING the EUMETSAT Long Term Plan defining the major elements of possible future EUMETSAT activities,

RECALLING that the Congress of WMO urges the continuation of the meteorological satellite system as a contribution to the World Weather Watch,

NOTING that the European Space Agency (ESA) started in 1984 to consider requirements for a Meteosat Second Generation,

NOTING that ESA within the framework of the Earth Observation Preparatory Programme is conducting a number of studies for the development of a Meteosat Second Generation,

NOTING that the Long Term Plan of ESA to be considered by ESA's ministerial meeting in November 1987 provides a programme proposal for the development of Meteosat Second Generation by ESA in the context of development of advanced space technology,

NOTING that this proposal assumes a participation of EUMETSAT in the development and operation of the Meteosat Second Generation,

CONSIDERING the advantages of a cooperation between EUMETSAT and the European Space Agency in the development of an advanced design of geostationary satellites capable of meeting requirements into the second decade of the next century,

AGREE:

- I** to consider the development and operation of geostationary satellites beyond the initial Meteosat Operational Programme as an issue of utmost priority,
- II** in principle that EUMETSAT shall cooperate with the European Space Agency in this field in order to define the requirements for a second Meteosat generation, and in order to prepare for the development and the operations of these satellites,
- III** to use part of the resources (personnel, studies) approved within the EUMETSAT support activities to start cooperating with ESA in phase A and pre-phase A activities (definition of requirements),
- IV** to request the Director of EUMETSAT to submit to Council a detailed programme proposal in 1989, defining a follow on programme to MOP, the costs, a scale of contributions and the legal basis for the programme within the EUMETSAT Convention.

**RESOLUTION ON
HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT**

**Adopted at the 6th meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 2 and 3 December 1987**

The EUMETSAT Council,

RECALLING that the EUMETSAT Council at its 1st meeting on 19 June 1986 decided to locate EUMETSAT's Headquarters in Darmstadt, following the invitation of the Federal Republic of Germany to host EUMETSAT,

RECALLING that the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities has been opened for signature on 1 December 1986,

BEARING IN MIND that the negotiations with the Federal Republic of Germany on a draft text of a Headquarters Agreement have been completed on 23 June 1987,

- I EXPRESSES** its deep concern that there is still no finalisation of the Headquarters Agreement,
- II EXPRESSES** the wish that EUMETSAT should have the same legal status as other international organisations in general and as other international organisations in the Federal Republic of Germany in particular,
- III EXPRESSES** furthermore the wish to start the construction of a Headquarters building without delay,
- IV INVITES** the Federal Republic of Germany to do its utmost to expedite the necessary internal arrangements for finalising the Headquarters Agreement as soon as possible.

**RESOLUTION ON
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING**

**Adopted at the 6th meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 2 and 3 December 1987**

The EUMETSAT Member States,

RECALLING that the EUMETSAT Council at its 1st meeting on 19 June 1986 decided to locate EUMETSAT's Headquarters in Darmstadt, Germany,

RECALLING that the town of Darmstadt provided for provisional accommodation until a final Headquarters building has been found,

RECALLING that the Federal Republic of Germany offered at the 1st EUMETSAT Council meeting to provide for EUMETSAT Headquarters in Darmstadt at no cost for EUMETSAT referring to Headquarters requirements submitted to the Operational Meteorology Programme Board (ESA/PB-OM(85)9),

BEARING IN MIND that the EUMETSAT Council has agreed at its 5th meeting on 16/17 September 1987 on the Long Term Plan as a basic document for reference and guidance on EUMETSAT's future activities,

RECOGNISING that the accommodation requirements for EUMETSAT Headquarters in the Long Term Plan relate to activities of EUMETSAT subject to approval by the Council,

WISHING to have a sound basis for the construction of a Headquarters building,

EMPHASISING the need for the finalisation of the Headquarters Agreement,

AGREE:

- I** to invite the Federal Republic of Germany to submit in close cooperation with the Secretariat a proposal for the implementation of its offer to provide for a Headquarters building,
- II** a Headquarters building shall be set up in accordance with the requirements to be decided by the Council taking into account the Long Term Plan (cf. EUM/C/87/Rev. 2),
- III** to choose an adequate site and to design a modular building with a potential for growth,
- IV** the objective shall be to have the building completed in 1990,
- V** a procedure for the planning and the construction of the building shall be submitted by the Director at the next the Council meeting.