RESOLUTION ON

PROCUREMENT OF OBSOLETE PARTS FOR THE METEOSAT SECOND GENERATION (MSG) FOLLOW-ON

Adopted at the 45th EUMETSAT Council Meeting on 26-28 June 2000

The EUMETSAT Member States,

RECALLING Resolution EUM/C/92/Res. VI on the MSG Programme, formally adopted at the 24th meeting of the EUMETSAT Council in November 1993, which includes the manufacture of 3 MSG Satellites,

RECALLING the Agreement with ESA signed in October 1996, which establishes ESA as EUMETSAT's Procurement Agent for the MSG Second and Third Satellites,

RECALLING that, under the above Agreement, ESA shall ensure availability of equipment spares and other items left over from MSG–1, to the extent that they are not consumed under the MSG–1 Programme,

BEARING IN MIND that only limited MSG–1 spares will therefore be available for MSG–2 and -3,

NOTING that Article 8 of the above Agreement with ESA establishes an Agreement Change Notice (ACN) procedure for activities not covered by the limit of financial liability defined in the Agreement,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that Council, in its 42nd meeting, approved the Resolution for procurement of critical Long Lead Items for the MSG Programme under the 1999 budget within a maximum Limit of Liability (LOL) of 1.5 MEUR at 1999 economic conditions,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that Council, in its 43rd meeting, approved the Resolution for procurement of critical Long Lead Items for MSG Follow-On under the 1999 and 2000 budget within a maximum Limit of Liability (LOL) of 3.5 MEUR at 1999 economic conditions,

WISHING to ensure continuity of the EUMETSAT operational geostationary services,

RECOGNISING that this requires the procurement of at least a fourth MSG satellite, expected to be covered by an extension of the MSG Programme,

BEARING IN MIND the urgency of initiating now the continuing procurement of critical MSG Long Lead Items, some of which will soon cease to be available on the market,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the funds for this procurement are available within the EUMETSAT Budgets,

AGREE:

- I To authorise the procurement of a final set of Long Lead Items (obsolete parts) within a maximum limit of liability to EUMETSAT of 10.9 MEUR (Firm Fixed Price) in order to preserve the possibility to procure additional MSG satellites.
- **II** To authorise related expenditures:
 - from the General Budget, Article 452, Prospective Activities for an amount of 3.5 MEUR;
 - from the MSG budget envelope, with a fixed ceiling of 7.4 MEUR, expected to be ultimately covered by the planned extension of the MSG Programme.
- **III** That the Secretariat shall request ESA to carry out this procurement under an ACN to the Agreement between EUMETSAT and ESA concerning the MSG second and third satellites.
- **IV** That the payment to ESA in 2000, 2001 and 2002 for obsolete parts procurements shall be paid from funds available within the 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 Budgets and within the ceiling of the General Budget for 2001-2005.
- V That this decision on Long Lead Items (obsolete parts procurement) does not prejudice a decision on the procurement of additional MSG satellites.
- **VI** That the Secretariat will report on a regular basis on the status of the procurement of obsolete parts under the agreed ceiling.