

**RESOLUTION ON  
THE CEILING OF THE GENERAL BUDGET 2006-2010**

**Adopted at the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council  
on 5-6 July 2005**

**The EUMETSAT Member States,**

**HAVING REGARD** to Article 2.3 of the EUMETSAT Convention, which establishes that the General Budget comprises activities not linked to a specific programme. They shall represent the basic technical and administrative infrastructure of EUMETSAT including core staff, buildings and equipment as well as preliminary activities authorised by the Council in preparation of future programmes, not yet approved,

**RECALLING** EUM/C/Res. XVIII establishing the first General Budget, a ceiling for the years 1990-1995 and contributions based on a GNP scale of contributions,

**RECALLING** EUM/C/95/Res. VI establishing the second General Budget, a ceiling for the years 1996-2000 and contributions based on a GNP scale of contributions,

**RECALLING** EUM/C/99/Res. V establishing the third General Budget, a ceiling for the years 2001-2005 and contributions based on a GNP scale of contributions,

**EXPRESSING** the need to establish a new ceiling

**AGREE:**

- I** To fix a new ceiling of the General Budget for the years 2006-2010.
- II** To link this ceiling to contributions from Member States on a GNI scale.
- III** To limit these contributions to M€101.8 at 2006 economic conditions.



**RESOLUTION ON**  
**AN OVERALL FRAMEWORK FOR THE COOPERATION BETWEEN**  
**EUMETSAT AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**

**Adopted at the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council**  
**on 5-6 July 2005**

**The EUMETSAT Member States,**

**WHEREAS** the European Community is jointly developing with the European Space Agency (ESA) an overall European Space policy, pursuant to the Framework Agreement signed between the European Community and the European Space Agency (ESA) on 25 November 2003,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the Preliminary Elements of the European Space Policy presented in the Communication from the European Commission to the European Parliament and the European Council (COM(2005) 208 final) on 23 May 2005,

**AWARE** of the orientations from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Council of 7 June 2005,

**WHEREAS** EUMETSAT's objectives under its Convention are to establish, maintain and exploit European systems of operational meteorological satellites, and to contribute to the operational monitoring of the climate and the detection of global climatic changes, and that in this context associated environmental issues include the oceans, atmosphere, biosphere and natural disasters,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** that, EUMETSAT has successfully established and operates European operational satellite systems for meteorology, climate and environment, and that the EUMETSAT assets are part of the European Meteorological Infrastructure provided by the National Meteorological Services of European countries, by the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), and by Eumetnet,

**RECALLING** that the Communication on the Preliminary Elements of the European Space Policy recognises the role of EUMETSAT in the operational exploitation of meteorological, climate and environmental monitoring satellites and its contribution to International Cooperation initiatives with satellite operators of other continents and within the framework of the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS),

**NOTING** that the orientations from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Council of 7 June 2005 recognise that most Member States of the EC and of ESA are already investing in operational infrastructures through their membership of EUMETSAT and will consider EUMETSAT's role and experience in relation to wider operational services,

**RECALLING** that the Initiative on Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) was launched in May 1998 and adopted by the European Council in November 2001,

**AWARE** that the Earth observation activities planned with the GMES framework will be complementary in nature to EUMETSAT's mandatory meteorological programmes that are the basic programmes required to continue the provision of observations from geostationary and polar orbits,

**AWARE** that the sustainable GMES services will require an operational infrastructure for *inter alia* satellite observations, and that the EUMETSAT legal framework provides the necessary legal basis for EUMETSAT's involvement,

**HAVING REGARD** to the EUMETSAT Council Resolutions EUM/C/04/Res. III of June 2004 offering the EUMETSAT contribution to GMES,

**WISHING** to take advantage of the complementary roles of the European Commission, the European Space Agency and EUMETSAT for the benefit of a further enhancement and use of operational European satellite-based Earth observations,

**AGREE:**

- I** To task the Director-General to negotiate a Framework Agreement with the European Community, to be submitted for EUMETSAT Council approval at the earliest opportunity.
- II** That the main objectives of the above Framework Agreement shall be as follows:
- To ensure increased efficiency in using current and future European space capacities in support of EC policies to the benefit of European citizens;
  - To foster in Europe the establishment of operational environmental information services based *inter alia* on Earth observing satellite systems, the broader utilisation of operational environmental satellite data, and the funding and carrying out of joint initiatives;
  - In the framework of the development of the European Space Policy, to ensure maximum use within Europe of the existing and planned operational satellite systems for meteorology, climate and environment, and the related operational infrastructures of EUMETSAT;
  - In the framework of the European Space Programme, and in particular GMES, to take advantage of EUMETSAT's experience in establishing and exploiting operational satellite systems for meteorology, climate and environment to support the development and exploitation of wider operational services, respecting the missions of national institutions within Member States.
- III** That the main fields of cooperation with the European Community shall be the following:
- 1) Areas of cooperation based on existing capabilities:
    - Provision to the European Commission Services, in accordance with the EUMETSAT Data Policy, of data, products and services from

- EUMETSAT Satellites and related Ground Segment, and from satellite systems of EUMETSAT's international partners where feasible;
  - Capacity building in developing countries (ACP and ALA countries);
  - Provision of scientific and technical support by EUMETSAT to the EC on the optimum infrastructure for sustained operations of Earth Observation Satellites;
  - Electro-magnetic Spectrum policy related to space missions and instrumentation.
- 2) Areas of cooperation related to future capabilities:
- a) Management and operations by EUMETSAT on behalf of the EC of
    - operational Earth observations satellite systems focused on environmental issues that interact with, drive or are driven by weather and climate, established under the European Space Programme and in particular GMES, including provision and dissemination by EUMETSAT of data and products to users;
    - instruments that may be flown on behalf of the EC on future EUMETSAT satellites, including their management and operations;
  - b) Identification of potential flight opportunities, for EC provided operational instruments, on satellites from EUMETSAT's operational international partners.

**IV** That, concerning the areas of cooperation based on existing capabilities, the Director-General may agree to start these activities through signature of an exchange of letters, to be approved by Council, while the Framework Agreement is being negotiated.

**V** That the Director-General shall seek the approval of Council before initiating new cooperative activities with the European Community or significantly altering those that are already established, particularly in the case of those having financial implications.



**RESOLUTION ON**  
**AMENDED EUMETSAT PRINCIPLES ON DATA POLICY REGARDING**  
**LICENSING OF EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH USERS**

**Adopted at the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council**  
**on 5-6 July 2005**

**The EUMETSAT Member States,**

**RECALLING** that Council Resolution EUM/C/98/Res. IV establishes the generic EUMETSAT Principles on Data Policy,

**RECALLING** that the EUMETSAT Principles on Data Policy determine that the NMSs of the Member States shall act as exclusive Licensing Agents on behalf and for account of EUMETSAT for the purpose of granting access to real-time data to users receiving the data within their respective territories, and that EUMETSAT is responsible for granting access to real-time data to international organisations, NMSs of non-Member States and to other users operating outside Member States,

**CONSIDERING** that according to the EUMETSAT Principles on Data Policy and the Consolidated Implementing Rules for Meteosat Data and Products contained in Council Resolution EUM/C/04/Res. V all EUMETSAT Meteosat Data and Products are available without charge for research projects and educational use, and that private individual users fall into the category of educational users,

**WISHING** to simplify and unify the licensing procedure for educational and research users, in order to enhance the efficiency of the EUMETSAT licensing procedures,

**AGREE to amend Principle II of the EUMETSAT Principles on Data Policy, as adopted in Resolution EUM/C/98/Res. IV, as follows:**

**I** Principle II shall read:

The NMSs of the Member States shall act as Licensing Agents on behalf and for the account of EUMETSAT for the purpose of granting access to real-time data to users, receiving the data within their respective national territories. In doing so, the NMSs will apply the EUMETSAT fees and conditions, agreed by the EUMETSAT Council. The NMSs of Member States may delegate to EUMETSAT the granting of access to real-time data for educational and research users within their respective territories.

**II** The above amendment shall take effect on 1 January 2006.





**RESOLUTION ON**  
**EUMETSAT'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONVENTION**  
**ON INTERNATIONAL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY SPACE**  
**OBJECTS**

**Adopted at the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council**  
**on 5-6 July 2005**

**The EUMETSAT Member States,**

**CONSIDERING** the international cooperation in the space field,

**RECOGNIZING** the liability of EUMETSAT with regard to the operation of its satellites in accordance with Article 9.3 of the EUMETSAT Convention and international law,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** that according to Article 9.3 of the EUMETSAT Convention, the Council shall establish the procedures for the implementation of this paragraph,

**CONSIDERING** that the United Nations Convention on International Liability for Damage caused by Space Objects settles in detail who is responsible for a damage caused by a space object, for which kind of damage and to which extent, and that therefore this Convention could serve as a basis for the implementation of Article 9.3 of the EUMETSAT Convention,

**CONSIDERING** that a majority of the EUMETSAT Member States are Party to the Convention on International Liability for Damage caused by Space Objects,

**CONSIDERING** that according to Article XXII.2 of the Convention on International Liability for Damage caused by Space Objects, States members of any international intergovernmental organization which conducts space activities shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that the organization makes a declaration of acceptance of the rights and obligations provided for in this Convention,

**AGREE**

That EUMETSAT declares its acceptance of the rights and obligations provided for in the Convention on International Liability for Damage caused by Space Objects, in accordance with Article XXII, section 1, of said Convention and mandates the Director-General to undertake all necessary steps in this respect.



**RESOLUTION ON**  
**THE REVISED TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE**  
**ACCESSION OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC TO**  
**THE EUMETSAT CONVENTION**

**Adopted at the 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council**  
**on 29-30 November 2005**

**The EUMETSAT Council,**

**CONSIDERING** that, according to Article 16 of the EUMETSAT Convention, any State may accede to the said Convention following a decision of the Council taken in conformity with the provisions of Article 5.2(a),

**CONSIDERING** that the Slovak Republic and EUMETSAT signed a Cooperating State Agreement on 6 July 1999,

**BEARING IN MIND** that Article 7 of the above-mentioned Agreement establishes that the Agreement shall remain in force for a period of 5 years and that it requires, during the fifth year following the entry into force of the Agreement, a formal review of the cooperation in view of a possible accession by the Slovak Republic to EUMETSAT as a full Member State,

**WELCOMING** the formal request by the Slovak Republic to become a full member of EUMETSAT, expressed through a letter from the Minister of Environment of Slovak Republic on 9 March 2004,

**CONVINCED** that this accession will contribute to the achievement of the objectives set out in the EUMETSAT Convention,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** that the formal decision to welcome the Slovak Republic as EUMETSAT Member State was taken in Council Resolution EUM/C/04/Res. IV, adopted at the 55<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting in June 2004,

**WISHING** to adapt the terms and conditions for the accession of the Slovak Republic agreed in Council Resolution EUM/C/04/Res. IV to an accession on 1 January 2006,

**HAVING REGARD** to Articles 16 and 17 of the EUMETSAT Convention,

**AGREES**

**I** to amend Agrees II, III, IV and V of Resolution EUM/C/04/Res. IV to read as follows:

“**II** To approve the draft protocol on financial requirements for the accession of the Slovak Republic to the EUMETSAT Convention attached to this Resolution as Annex I, and to authorise the Director-General to sign it.

- III** To fix, in accordance with Article 16.5 of the EUMETSAT Convention, the payment to be made by the Slovak Republic with regard to the investments already made at €830,000.
  - IV** To amend the scale of Member State contributions for the years 2006-2008 as attached to this Resolution in Annex II.
  - V** That all legal and financial implications of the accession of the Slovak Republic will formally enter into force at the date of deposit of the instrument of accession of the Slovak Republic, with effect from 1 January 2006.”
- II** That, subject to the above amendments, all other provisions of Council Resolution EUM/C/04/Res. IV remain unchanged and valid.

***DRAFT PROTOCOL***  
***ON FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS***  
***CONCERNING***  
***THE ACCESSION OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC***  
***TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE***  
***ESTABLISHMENT***  
***OF A EUROPEAN ORGANISATION***  
***FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF***  
***METEOROLOGICAL***  
***SATELLITES (EUMETSAT)***



## Preamble

The **Government of the Slovak Republic**, (hereinafter referred to as "the Slovak Republic"),

and

the **European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites**, established by the Convention opened for signature in Geneva on 24 May 1983 and entered into force on 19 June 1986 (hereinafter referred to as "EUMETSAT"),

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** that the EUMETSAT Council at its 15<sup>th</sup> meeting on 4 and 5 June 1991 recommended the Members States to accept Amendments to the Convention as proposed in the "Amending Protocol", attached to Resolution EUM/C/Res. XXXVI, and that these Amendments entered into force on 19 November 2000,

**CONSIDERING** that, according to Article 16 of the EUMETSAT Convention, any State may accede to the said Convention following a decision of the Council taken in conformity with the provisions of Article 5.2(a),

**CONSIDERING** further that the EUMETSAT Council, at its 34<sup>th</sup> meeting on 24-26 June 1997, has defined the "Cooperating State" status as an intermediate step for European countries wishing to become full EUMETSAT Member States,

**CONSIDERING** that the Slovak Republic and EUMETSAT signed a Cooperating State Agreement on 6 July 1999,

**BEARING IN MIND** that Article 7 of the above-mentioned Agreement establishes that the Agreement shall remain in force for a period of 5 years and that it requires, during the fifth year following the entry into force of the Agreement, a formal review of the cooperation in view of a possible accession by the Slovak Republic to EUMETSAT as a full Member State,

**FOLLOWING** the wish expressed by the Slovak Republic to become a EUMETSAT Member State within the framework conditions established by the EUMETSAT Convention, expressed through a letter from the Minister of Environment of the Slovak Republic dated 9 March 2004,

**RECALLING** that the EUMETSAT Council at its 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 22-23 June 2004 agreed to welcome the Slovak Republic as a Member State,

**CONVINCED** that this accession will contribute to the achievement of the objectives set out in the EUMETSAT Convention,

**HAVING REGARD** to Articles 16 and 17 of the EUMETSAT Convention,

**HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

### **Article 1**

1. As from the date of accession of the Slovak Republic to the EUMETSAT Convention, the provisions of the EUMETSAT Convention and all EUMETSAT rules, together with all decisions taken by the Council, including all approved mandatory programmes (General Budget, Meteosat Transition Programme, Meteosat Second Generation Programme and its Extension and EUMETSAT Polar System Programme) shall be binding for the Slovak Republic. Participation in approved optional Programmes will require a separate decision by the Slovak Republic and is subject to agreement by the Participating States.
2. As from the date of accession, the Slovak Republic shall be placed in the same situation as the other Member States with regard to decisions, rulings, resolutions or any other acts made by the Council or by any subordinate body and with regard to any Agreement concluded by EUMETSAT. Therefore, the Slovak Republic shall abide by the principles and policies stemming therefrom, and shall whenever necessary take appropriate measures to ensure their full implementation.

### **Article 2**

1. In accordance with Article 16.5 of the EUMETSAT Convention, the Slovak Republic shall make a special payment to EUMETSAT of 830,000 EUR. This payment shall be made no later than 31 January 2006.
2. No further payments will be requested from the Slovak Republic for the period up to the end of 2005.

### **Article 3**

The Slovak Republic shall with regard to the provision of Article 2.2 above start to contribute to the EUMETSAT annual budgets as from 1 January 2006.

### **Article 4**

The Protocol shall enter into force upon the day of signature.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised, have signed this Protocol.

Done and signed in two originals, one for each Party to the Protocol, in the English and Slovak languages, both being equally valid.

In .....

In .....

On .....

On .....

for the Government  
of the Slovak Republic

for EUMETSAT

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Dr. Lars Prahm  
Director-General

REVISED SCALE OF MEMBER STATE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEARS 2006 - 2008 BASED ON GNI OF 2001-2003. (1 September 2005)

MEMBER STATES

MEMBER STATES		Gross National Income (GNI) at market prices (in millions National Currency)			Exchange US Dollars/ National Currency			GNI in million US Dollars			TOTALS in million US Dollars	Contribution Scale 2006 - 2008 % based on the total of GNI 2001 - 2003
		2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001 - 2003	
AT	AUSTRIA	210,706.00	217,956.00	224,467.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	188,551.23	205,115.75	253,348.76	647,015.74	2.2009
BE	BELGIUM	258,700.00	267,366.00	274,660.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	231,498.88	251,614.91	310,000.00	793,113.79	2.6979
CH	SWITZERLAND	446,044.00	446,796.00	467,753.00	1.687600	1.558600	1.346700	264,306.71	286,664.96	347,332.74	898,304.41	3.0558
DE	GERMANY	2,092,150.00	2,120,860.00	2,147,260.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	1,872,170.02	1,995,915.68	2,423,544.02	6,291,629.72	21.4022
DK	DENMARK	1,304,626.00	1,330,049.00	1,380,074.00	8.322800	7.894700	6.587700	156,753.26	168,473.66	209,492.54	534,719.46	1.8190
ES	SPAIN	668,025.00	717,434.00	768,191.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	597,785.23	675,168.45	867,032.73	2,139,986.41	7.2796
FI	FINLAND	135,815.00	141,147.00	141,755.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	121,534.68	132,831.73	159,994.36	414,360.77	1.4095
FR	FRANCE	1,514,916.00	1,552,792.00	1,592,399.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	1,355,629.53	1,461,313.76	1,797,290.07	4,614,233.36	15.6962
GB	UNITED KINGDOM	1,004,939.00	1,070,230.00	1,128,272.00	0.694700	0.667200	0.612500	1,446,579.82	1,604,061.75	1,842,076.73	4,892,718.30	16.6435
GR	GREECE	131,437.00	141,745.00	153,434.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	117,617.00	133,394.50	173,176.07	424,187.57	1.4430
IE	IRELAND	97,871.00	105,882.00	112,943.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	87,580.31	99,644.27	127,475.17	314,699.75	1.0705
IT	ITALY	1,209,748.00	1,250,435.00	1,290,671.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	1,082,548.55	1,176,769.25	1,456,739.28	3,716,057.08	12.6409
LU	LUXEMBOURG	20,499.00	20,873.00	21,206.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	18,343.62	19,643.33	23,934.54	61,921.49	0.2106
NL	NETHERLANDS	426,273.00	438,862.00	447,701.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	381,452.35	413,007.72	505,305.87	1,299,765.94	4.4214
NO	NORWAY	1,515,462.00	1,523,265.00	1,571,293.00	8.991700	7.983800	7.080200	168,540.10	190,794.48	221,927.77	581,262.35	1.9773
PT	PORTUGAL	119,338.00	126,492.00	128,755.00	1.117500	1.062600	0.886000	106,790.16	119,040.09	145,321.67	371,151.92	1.2625
SE	SWEDEN	2,248,568.00	2,346,225.00	2,438,066.00	10.329100	9.737100	8.086300	217,692.54	240,957.27	301,505.76	760,155.57	2.5858
SK	SLOVAKIA	1,009,872.00	1,097,135.00	1,200,286.00	48.354800	45.326700	36.772900	20,884.63	24,205.05	32,640.50	77,730.18	0.2644
TR	TURKEY	176,484.00	275,032.00	356,681.00	1.225600	1.507200	1.500900	143,998.04	182,478.77	237,644.75	564,121.56	1.9190
<b>TOTALS</b>								<b>8,580,256.66</b>	<b>9,381,095.38</b>	<b>11,435,783.33</b>	<b>29,397,135.37</b>	<b>100.0000</b>

**RESOLUTION ON**

**EUMETSAT'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT  
ON THE RESCUE OF ASTRONAUTS, THE RETURN OF ASTRONAUTS  
AND THE RETURN OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE**

**Adopted at the 58th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council  
on 29-30 November 2005**

**The EUMETSAT Member States,**

**CONSIDERING** the international cooperation in the space field,

**RECOGNIZING** that EUMETSAT launches satellites which may return to Earth and wishing that in this case assistance will be given to EUMETSAT in recovering its satellites,

**EMPHASISING** that EUMETSAT wishes to provide any necessary assistance to personnel of a spacecraft or to a launching authority whose space object or components thereof have landed accidentally on the EUMETSAT premises,

**CONSIDERING** that a majority of the EUMETSAT Member States are Party to the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects launched into Outer Space and to the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies,

**AGREE**

That EUMETSAT declares its acceptance of the rights and obligations provided for in the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects launched into Outer Space, in accordance with Article 6 of said Agreement and mandates the Director-General to undertake all necessary steps in this respect.



**RESOLUTION ON**  
**EUMETSAT TREASURY RISK REDUCTION**

**Adopted at the 58th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council**  
**on 29-30 November 2005**

**The EUMETSAT Member States,**

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the need to ensure budgetary stability for EUMETSAT and affordable payment profiles for its Member States,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** previous decisions on management risk margin for the EUMETSAT programmes,

**AWARE** that the above financial mechanisms may entail possible treasury shortages in periods towards the end of a given year up until the dates for payments of Member States contributions in the following year,

**ASSUMING** that the pattern of payments of Member and Co-operating States contributions in the past will continue, and that thus a number of large contributions will continue to be paid by 20<sup>th</sup> January of each year,

**WISHING** to establish a flexible mechanism which allows EUMETSAT to meet its contractual obligations at any given point in time,

**HAVING** due regard to Article 5.2(a)iv of the EUMETSAT Convention, and to Articles 14 and 16 of the Financial Rules,

**AGREE:**

- I** That the Director-General may make use of the monies related to the Working Capital Fund of Member States to cover short term shortages in the EUMETSAT Treasury, within the limit of 50% of the balance of the Working Capital Fund and up to a maximum of M€30.
- II** That this usage should be limited to the period from 1<sup>st</sup> November of a given year until 31<sup>st</sup> January of the following year.
- III** That this usage shall not be attributed to the Working Capital Fund of any individual Member State, and thus no written consent by individual Member States shall be necessary.
- IV** That the above measure shall not affect the administration and the legal status of the Working Capital Fund in accordance with Article 16 of the Financial Rules.
- V** That the Heads of Delegations should be notified in advance before the mechanism is used.