

RESOLUTION ON
THE PREPARATION OF A JASON
FOLLOW-ON OPTIONAL PROGRAMME

Adopted at the 64th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 1-2 July 2008

The EUMETSAT Council,

RECALLING that the primary objective of EUMETSAT to establish, maintain and exploit European systems of operational meteorological satellites, taking into account as far as possible the recommendations of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and that a further objective of EUMETSAT is to contribute to the operational monitoring of the climate and the detection of global climatic changes,

RECALLING that the EUMETSAT strategy approved at the 59th Council meeting foresees continuity of the optional Jason-2 altimetry satellite series and that the EUMETSAT involvement in this programme needs to be resolved in the short term, by establishing a unified global altimetry system covering both the non-synchronous and the sun synchronous orbits, building upon the existing partnership with NOAA, NASA and CNES, and taking into account the need to extend the partnership to the EC,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the EUMETSAT Council, at its 60th meeting, requested the Director-General to carry out a number of activities preparing EUMETSAT for its future role in operational oceanography missions, which included the definition of a EUMETSAT Jason Follow-on Programme,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the requirement for satellite ocean altimetry observations expressed by the WMO, the Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment (GODAE), the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS), the Ocean Observations Programme Committee (OOPC), the Integrated Global Observing Strategy Partnership (IGOS-P) and the Global Climate Observing System Implementation Plan (GCOS-IP),

BEARING IN MIND that the Topex/Poseidon and Jason-1 missions established by the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) and the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have proven the value of altimetry observations in support of operational activities such as marine meteorology, seasonal forecasting, oceanographic services and the monitoring of the climate,

CONSIDERING that the requirement to continue these services on a sustained operational basis and the recognition that EUMETSAT is the relevant European operational organisation led to the establishment of the Optional EUMETSAT Jason-2 Altimetry Programme through Declaration EUM/C/01/Decl.I,

RECALLING that 19 EUMETSAT Member States have agreed to participate in the Jason-2 Optional Programme,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the successful launch of the Jason-2 satellite in June 2008 and the operations planned to last until mid 2013,

CONSIDERING the requirements to preserve operational continuity to the ocean altimetry missions beyond Jason-2,

BEARING IN MIND, that the complete altimeter system requested by users consists of Jason-type altimeter missions as well as polar orbiting altimeters, which will be realized in the context of GMES Sentinel 3 and are based on the heritage of the ESA missions ERS and ENVISAT,

AWARE that continuity requires the availability of a Jason-2 follow on satellite ready for launch in late 2012, and that a Jason-3 satellite would meet the immediate operational continuity requirements,

AWARE that this Jason-3 satellite would aim at constituting the first element of a long term integrated European solution, to be complemented by a Jason-type satellite based on Cryosat heritage to be agreed with ESA in the 2011 time frame,

ANTICIPATING that the combination of Jason-3 and the follow-on Jason-type satellite to be agreed with ESA is intended to provide data continuity until 2022,

BEARING IN MIND that Article 2 of the EUMETSAT Convention defines Optional Programmes as programmes within the objectives of EUMETSAT and agreed as such by Council,

HAVING REGARD to the Preliminary Programme Proposal on Jason Follow-on as an optional programme contained in document EUM/C/64/08/DOC/07,

IN CONFORMITY with Articles 3, 5 and 10 of the EUMETSAT Convention, and with EUMETSAT Resolution EUM/C/01/Res.1 on the Approval of Optional Programmes,

AGREES:

- I** That the proposed Jason Follow-on programme is consistent with EUMETSAT's objectives and should be established and implemented as an Optional Programme within the framework of the EUMETSAT Convention.
- II** To invite all Member States to express their interest in participating in the proposed programme, thereby becoming Potential Participating States, on the understanding that this indication will not commit any of these Member States to formally participate in the programme.
- III** To task the Director-General with drawing up a Programme Declaration and Programme Definition in consultation with Potential Participating States, to be submitted for Council approval in an Enabling Resolution.
- IV** To task the Director General with seeking confirmation of the required contributions for Jason-3 from CNES, NOAA and the EC as a pre-requisite to the approval of the full programme, expected in mid 2009.
- V** To task the Director-General with preparing the necessary cooperation agreements with CNES, NOAA, the EC and ESA, to be agreed by Council, regarding the respective contributions to Jason-3 and the follow-on missions.

RESOLUTION ON
THE ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY TO
THE EUMETSAT CONVENTION

Adopted at the 64th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 1-2 July 2008

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 Republic of Hungary and EUMETSAT signed a Cooperating State Agreement on 7 July 1999, and that this Agreement has been amended in two instances establishing a duration until 31 December 2008,

BEARING IN MIND that Article 7 of the above-mentioned amended Agreement requires a formal review of the cooperation with a view to accession by Hungary to EUMETSAT as a full Member State,

WELCOMING the formal request by the Republic of Hungary to become a full member of EUMETSAT, expressed through a letter from the Minister of Environment and Water on 20 March 2008,

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,

AGREES:

- I** To the accession of the Republic of Hungary to the EUMETSAT Convention in accordance with Article 16.3 of the EUMETSAT Convention.
- II** To approve the terms and conditions of accession laid down in the Letter of Intent attached to this Resolution as Annex I.
- III** To fix, in accordance with Article 16.5 of the EUMETSAT Convention, the payment to be made by the Republic of Hungary with regard to the investments already made for the mandatory programmes at EUR 1,983,000.
- IV** To amend the scale of Member State contributions for mandatory programmes as attached to this Resolution in Annex II.
- V** That all legal and financial implications of the accession of the Republic of Hungary will formally enter into force at the date of deposit of the instrument of accession.



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MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER
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Subject: letter of intent for accession to EUMETSAT

20 March 2008 Budapest
KJKF-53/6/2008.

Dear Sir,

I wish to refer to the negotiations held between the representatives of EUMETSAT and representatives from the Hungarian Government in Budapest on 24 January 2008.

During these negotiations, the successful cooperation between Hungary and EUMETSAT since the signature of the Cooperating State Agreement in July 1999 was noted, and the common objective of achieving the accession of Hungary to EUMETSAT as a full Member State as of 1 January 2009 was confirmed.

Having studied the provisions of the Convention for the Establishment of a European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) made in Geneva on 24 May 1983 and entered into force on 19 June 1986, and in particular Articles 16 and 17, I have the honour to inform you that Hungary wishes to become a Party to this Convention.

I herewith also confirm that the Hungarian Government agrees to the following terms and conditions for the accession of Hungary to EUMETSAT as a full Member State:

1. As from the date of accession, the provisions of the EUMETSAT Convention and all EUMETSAT rules, together with all decisions taken by the Council, including all EUMETSAT mandatory programmes (General Budget, Meteosat Transition Programme, Meteosat Second Generation Programme and its Extension, EUMETSAT Polar System Programme, Meteosat Third Generation Preparatory Programme) shall be binding for Hungary.
2. As from the date of accession, Hungary 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, Hungary shall abide by the principles and policies stemming therefrom, and shall whenever necessary take appropriate measures to ensure their full implementation.

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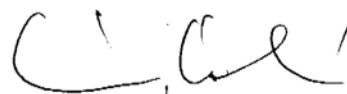
3. At the same time of the accession to the EUMETSAT Convention, Hungary shall also accede to the Amending Protocol to the EUMETSAT Convention attached to Resolution EUM/C/Res. XXXVI, which was adopted by the EUMETSAT Council at its 15th meeting on 4 and 5 June 1991, and which entered into force on 19 November 2000.
4. At the same time of the accession to the EUMETSAT Convention, Hungary shall also accede to the EUMETSAT Protocol on Privileges and Immunities, opened for signature on 1 December 1986, and which entered into force on 5 January 1989. This accession to the EUMETSAT Protocol on Privileges and Immunities shall include the editorial amendments as notified to all Member States on 3 December 2002, and which entered into force on 1 January 2004.
5. In accordance with Article 16.5 of the EUMETSAT Convention, Hungary shall make a special payment to EUMETSAT of 1,983,000 EUR towards the investments already made for the mandatory programmes. This payment shall be made no later than 30 days after the date of deposit of the instrument of accession, but not earlier than 31 January 2009.
6. Hungary shall start to contribute to the EUMETSAT annual budgets as full Member State from 1 January 2009.

Based on the above, I kindly request you to inform the EUMETSAT Member States of Hungary's wish and to seek a decision inviting Hungary to become a Party to the EUMETSAT Convention at the next EUMETSAT Council meeting in July 2008.

I am convinced that this accession will contribute to the achievement of the objectives set out in the EUMETSAT Convention, and that it will provide to Hungary a unique opportunity to fully participate in the success of EUMETSAT'S programmes and related satellites systems.

I look forward to receiving your positive reply.

Yours sincerely



Gábor Fodor

**SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MANDATORY
PROGRAMMES 2006-2008 (including Hungary)**

MEMBER STATES	CONTRIBUTION (%)
AUSTRIA	2.1770
BELGIUM	2.6686
SWITZERLAND	3.0225
GERMANY	21.1694
DENMARK	1.7992
SPAIN	7.2004
FINLAND	1.3942
FRANCE	15.5255
UNITED KINGDOM	16.4625
GREECE	1.4273
CROATIA	0.2214
HUNGARY	0.6334
IRELAND	1.0589
ITALY	12.5034
LUXEMBOURG	0.2083
NETHERLANDS	4.3733
NORWAY	1.9558
PORTUGAL	1.2488
SWEDEN	2.5577
SLOVENIA	0.2328
SLOVAKIA	0.2615
TURKEY	1.8981
TOTAL	100.0000

COOPERATING STATES	CONTRIBUTION (%)
BULGARIA	0.1554
CZECH REPUBLIC	0.6981
ESTONIA	0.0678
ICELAND	0.0838
LITHUANIA	0.1416
LATVIA	0.0924
POLAND	1.8815
ROMANIA	0.4449

RESOLUTION ON
THE METEOSAT THIRD GENERATION (MTG) PAYLOAD
COMPLEMENT

Adopted at the 65th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 9 October 2008

The EUMETSAT Member States,

HAVING REGARD to the objectives of EUMETSAT, which 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,

HAVING REGARD to the EUMETSAT Convention, which establishes that mandatory EUMETSAT programmes are the basic programmes required to continue the provision of observations from geostationary and polar orbits,

BEARING IN MIND that for the accomplishment of the EUMETSAT objectives in the geostationary orbit, the first satellite of a third generation of Meteosat should be available for a launch in 2015,

BEARING IN MIND that the way forward for the Phase A of the Meteosat Third Generation (MTG) Programme was unanimously endorsed at the 59th meeting of the EUMETSAT Council, with the understanding that, as a goal, an overall cost of the MTG Programme to Member States shall be comparable to that of MSG, for an equivalent lifetime,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the accommodation of the Kopernikus (former GMES) Sentinel 4 payload on the two MTG sounding satellites was agreed at the 64th Council Meeting on the basis of the approach defined in document EUM/C/64/08/DOC/08,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Council Resolution EUM/C/61/07/Res.I on the Preparation of the MTG Programme,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Council Resolution EUM/C/62/07/Res.I on the Meteosat Third Generation Preparatory Programme, presented for adoption at the 62nd Council Meeting in June 2007 and finally adopted on 25 June 2008,

FOLLOWING the roadmap for the approval of the MTG Programme as agreed at the 60th Council meeting and as updated at the 65th Council Meeting (EUM/C/65/08/DOC/05),

AWARE that the joint roadmap agreed with ESA leading to a coordinated approval of the respective MTG programmes by both Organisations requires the establishment of a common baseline for the Phase B MTG activities in time for submission of the ESA MTG Space Segment Development Programme to the ESA Council at Ministerial level to be held in November 2008.

AGREE:

- I** To approve the MTG payload complement including the following instruments as baseline for the preparation of the full EUMETSAT MTG Programme Proposal, on the understanding that the final decision on the MTG payload complement will only be taken when approving the full Programme:
 - a. Flexible Combined Imager,
 - b. Infrared Sounder,
 - c. Lightning Imager,
 - d. The Kopernikus (former GMES) Sentinel 4 to be provided by ESA
- II** To task the Director-General to carry out the MTG Phase B activities covered under the MTG Preparatory Programme targeting a baseline system designed to cover up to 20 years of operational service for the Imagery Mission, including the related number of MTG-I and MTG-S satellites to be deployed.
- III** To task the Director-General, in conjunction with the Director General of ESA, to continue all efforts to achieve any possible cost saving and optimisation of the overall cost and expenditure profile of the Programme, to report on a regular basis to Council on the progress made, and to include a presentation of cost saving options as part of the full programme proposal.
- IV** That, in order to improve the value for money of the MTG programme, every effort should be made during the MTG Phase B to ensure that the design lifetime of the satellites is maximised, and that overall flexibility regarding the schedule of launches is preserved.
- V** To task the Director-General with confirming to ESA EUMETSAT's intention to approve a EUMETSAT MTG Development and Operations Programme in the 2010 timeframe.
- VI** To invite ESA to establish the corresponding MTG Space Segment Development Programme, covering the ESA Phases B and C/D of the prototype MTG-I-1 and MTG-S-1 satellites, on the basis of the baseline payload complement as defined in AGREE I.
- VII** To invite ESA Member States to approve the MTG Space Segment Development Programme at the ESA Council at Ministerial level in November 2008, thereby allowing a start of the ESA Phase B industrial activities in the beginning of 2009.
- VIII** To task the Director-General with finalising the negotiations of an MTG Agreement with ESA, whereby EUMETSAT will make a fixed contribution to the ESA Space Segment Development Programme, conceived to be equivalent to 30% of the ESA phase C/D development cost, as defined in the final version of the ESA Programme Declaration of the Ministerial Council 2008, and will task ESA to act as EUMETSAT's procurement agent for the recurrent MTG satellites.

RESOLUTION ON
THE APPROVAL OF THIRD PARTY ACTIVITIES

**Adopted at the 66th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 9-10 December 2008**

The EUMETSAT Council,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the Convention foresees that EUMETSAT may, outside the mandatory and optional programmes, carry out activities not in conflict with the objectives of EUMETSAT requested and funded by third parties,

AWARE that the legal framework established in the Convention needs to be completed by more detailed procedures on the approval of third party activities,

WISHING to lay down a standard procedure to ensure consistency in approving EUMETSAT's future third party activities,

HAVING DUE REGARD to Articles 2.9 and 5.2 (a)xi of the EUMETSAT Convention,

AGREES:

- I** In approving future third party programmes, the following sequence of formal steps will be undertaken:
- 1) the EUMETSAT Council shall approve a preliminary proposal for a third party programme through adoption of an "Initiating Resolution" in accordance with the majority established in Article 5.2 (a)xi of the Convention;
 - 2) the EUMETSAT Council shall approve the full Programme Proposal and related cooperation agreement with the third party through adoption of a Resolution in accordance with Article 5.2 (a)xi of the Convention;
 - 3) the third party programme shall take effect upon signature of the cooperation agreement with the third party concerned, or at any other point in time defined in the agreement. Signature of the agreement will document the commitment by the third party to provide the necessary funding.
- II** The Director-General shall be entrusted with the preparation of the documentation required to accomplish the steps described above. This mandate shall include the negotiation of the cooperation agreement with the third party concerned.

RESOLUTION ON
THE PREPARATION OF A GMES/KOPERNIKUS SENTINEL-3 THIRD
PARTY PROGRAMME

Adopted at the 66th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 9-10 December 2008

The EUMETSAT Council,

RECALLING that the primary objective of EUMETSAT is to establish, maintain and exploit European systems of operational meteorological satellites, taking into account as far as possible the recommendations of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and that a further objective of EUMETSAT is to contribute to the operational monitoring of the climate and the detection of global climatic changes,

RECALLING that the “EUMETSAT Strategy: 2030” approved at the 59th Council Meeting in July 2006 foresees EUMETSAT becoming the operational agency for relevant GMES/Kopernikus missions that will complement EUMETSAT mandatory programmes, and that third party activities and optional programmes, consistent with EUMETSAT mandatory programmes and the Convention, will be the natural route for such new missions,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the ESA-EUMETSAT Working Assumptions on GMES/Kopernikus, including cooperation on the GMES/Kopernikus Sentinel-3 operations, captured in document EUM/C/60/06/DOC/24 endorsed by Council at its 60th meeting in November 2006,

BEARING IN MIND the approval, at the 64th Council meeting in July 2008, of the EUMETSAT involvement in GMES/Kopernikus Sentinel-3 activities including the way forward towards establishing the Sentinel-3 Third Party Programme proposed in document EUM/C/64/08/DOC/09,

CONSIDERING that the observational requirements expressed by the Fast-Track GMES/Kopernikus Marine Core Service, established to fulfil the clearly expressed need for operational systems by the oceanography user community, include altimetry, ocean colour and sea surface temperature, and that the GMES/Kopernikus Sentinel-3 mission is designed to fulfil these operational user requirements,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the existing EUMETSAT satellite systems already provide data and products that are of high relevance to the GMES/Kopernikus Marine Core Service and are thus complementary to the observations to be provided by the Sentinel-3 mission,

TAKING FURTHER INTO ACCOUNT that satellite altimetry, ocean colour and sea surface temperature are elements of the observing system required for global operational oceanography,

CONSIDERING that the user communities for the GMES/Kopernikus Marine Core Service are coherent with the existing EUMETSAT user community and its objectives,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the current and planned EUMETSAT missions and facilities will support the implementation of the space component of GMES/Kopernikus, alongside those of ESA and of national agencies,

CONSIDERING that the planned cooperation with ESA on Sentinel-3 is consistent with the roles of both Organisations as defined in their respective Conventions,

AWARE that the launch of the first Sentinel-3 satellite planned for October 2012 requires the involvement of EUMETSAT in Sentinel-3 activities from 2009 onwards,

BEARING IN MIND that Article 2 of the EUMETSAT Convention foresees that EUMETSAT may carry out activities not in conflict with its objectives requested and funded by third parties,

HAVING REGARD to the Preliminary Programme Proposal on a GMES/Kopernikus Sentinel-3 Third Party Programme contained in document EUM/C/66/08/DOC/10,

IN CONFORMITY with Resolution EUM/C/66/08/Res. II on the Approval of Third Party Programmes,

AGREES:

- I** That the proposed GMES/Kopernikus Sentinel-3 programme is consistent with EUMETSAT's objectives and should be established and implemented as a Third Party Programme within the framework of the EUMETSAT Convention.
- II** To task the Director-General to draw up a full programme proposal, to be submitted for Council approval in summer 2009.
- III** To task the Director-General to prepare the necessary cooperation arrangement with ESA to be agreed by Council, regarding the respective roles, tasks and responsibilities to the Sentinel-3 programme.

RESOLUTION ON
PRE-FINANCING OF THE UPGRADE OF EUMETSAT'S
OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURES

Adopted at the 66th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 9-10 December 2008

The EUMETSAT Council,

RECALLING Resolution EUM/C/57/05/Res.I establishing the fourth ceiling of contributions for the General Budget for the period 2006-2010, as amended by Resolution EUM/C/63/07/Res.II, to a level of M€ 106.15 at 2006 economic conditions (e.c.),

RECALLING Resolution EUM/C/03/Res.VI on the Pre-financing of the Extension of the EUMETSAT Headquarters Building,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that Council agreed the setting up of a Working Group on the Upgrade of the Operational Technical Infrastructure in Preparation of Future Activities to explore and consider EUMETSAT's Headquarters Infrastructure requirements at its 63rd meeting on 6-7 December 2007,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the Report of the above Working Group, contained in document EUM/C/66/08/DOC/33, confirms the need for an Upgrade of EUMETSAT's Operational Technical Infrastructures,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Procurement Proposal for Upgrade of EUMETSAT's Operational Technical Infrastructures in document EUM/C/66/08/DOC/33, unanimously recommended for Council approval at the 40th Joint-STG-AFG meeting,

AWARE that the need for the Upgrade of EUMETSAT's Operational Technical Infrastructures was not foreseen at the time when the calculations of the General Budget ceiling for the time period of 2006-2010 were undertaken,

WISHING therefore to pre-finance the expenditure for the Upgrade of EUMETSAT's Operational Technical Infrastructures,

AGREES:

- I** That the ceiling of the General Budget of M€ 106.15 at 2006 e.c. for the period 2006-2010 shall not be exceeded.
- II** That an amount, not higher than M€11.2 at 2009 economic conditions shall be pre-financed from the EUMETSAT treasury under the cover of the General Budget until Council has identified further sources of revenue, or decided to reimburse it partially or entirely from the ceiling of the General Budget for the period 2016-2020 or from other sources.
- III** That if Council opts for the reimbursement from General Budget, it shall be carried out in five annual instalments, starting in 2016, unless Council decides otherwise.

RESOLUTION ON
THE ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND TO
THE EUMETSAT CONVENTION

Adopted at the 66th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 9-10 December 2008

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 Republic of Poland and EUMETSAT signed a Cooperating State Agreement on 15 December 1999, and that this Agreement has been amended in two instances establishing a duration until 31 December 2009,

BEARING IN MIND that Article 7 of the above-mentioned amended Agreement requires a formal review of the cooperation with a view to accession by Poland to EUMETSAT as a full Member State,

WELCOMING the formal request by the Republic of Poland to become a full member of EUMETSAT, expressed through a letter from the Secretary of State, deputy Minister of Environment on 3 September 2008,

NOTING with satisfaction that the Government of the Republic of Poland has decided that Poland should become a Party to the EUMETSAT Convention, as confirmed by the Letter of Accession attached to this Resolution as Annex I.

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,

AGREES:

- I** To the accession of the Republic of Poland to the EUMETSAT Convention in accordance with Article 16.3 of the EUMETSAT Convention.
- II** To approve the terms and conditions of accession laid down in the Letter of Accession attached to this Resolution as Annex I, on the understanding that the Republic of Poland will accede to the EUMETSAT Protocol on Privileges and Immunities as soon as possible.
- III** To fix, in accordance with Article 16.5 of the EUMETSAT Convention, the payment to be made by the Republic of Poland with regard to the investments already made towards mandatory programmes at EUR 5,934,000, on the understanding that Poland shall start to contribute to the EUMETSAT annual budgets as a full Member State from 1 January 2009, and that the entry fee will be paid at the earliest opportunity.

- IV** To amend the scale of Member State contributions for mandatory programmes for the years 2009 to 2011 as attached to this Resolution in Annex II.
- V** That all legal and financial implications of the accession of the Republic of Poland will formally enter into force at the date of deposit of the instrument of accession.



Warsaw, 2 December, 2008

SECRETARY OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

Stanisław Gawłowski

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Dear Director General,

Pursuant to Article 16(3) of the Convention establishing the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) drawn up in Geneva on 24 May 1983, which entered into force on 19 June 1986 and was amended by the Protocol in force since 19 November 2000, I have the pleasure to announce that the Government of the Republic of Poland decided that Poland should become a Party to this Convention.

To this end I would like to confirm that as of the date of acceding to the Convention on full member rights, Poland shall abide by the Convention provisions along with the decisions made by the Council, covering all EUMETSAT obligatory programmes (General Budget, Meteosat Transition Programme, Programme for Meteosat Second Generation and its extension, EUMETSAT Polar System Programme, Preparatory Programme for Meteosat Third Generation). I would also like to confirm that as per the decisions, judgments, resolutions and other actions made by the Council or its subsidiary body under Agreements entered by

Council Resolution EUM/C/66/08/Res. V
Annex I

EUMETSAT, Poland, as well as other Member States, the principles and policies contained therein shall apply.

At the same time of the accession to the EUMETSAT Convention, Poland shall also accede to the Amending Protocol to the EUMETSAT Convention attached to Resolution EUM/C/Res. XXXVI, which was adopted by the EUMETSAT Council at its 15th meeting on 4 and 5 June 1991, and which entered into force on 19 November 2000.

Poland shall also accede to the EUMETSAT Protocol on Privileges and Immunities, opened for signature on 1 December 1986, and which entered into force on 5 January 1989. This accession to the EUMETSAT Protocol on Privileges and Immunities shall include the editorial amendments as notified to all Member States on 3 December 2002, and which entered into force on 1 January 2004.

I would also like to advise that Poland, in line with Article 16.5 of the Convention, is prepared to make a one-off accession fee (investment) and pay the membership fee to EUMETSAT.

Considering the above, I hereby kindly request for a decision to admit Poland as a Party to the Convention establishing the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites on the next meeting of the EUMETSAT Council to be held in December 2008.

I am positive that Poland's accession will contribute to delivery of the objectives defined in the EUMETSAT Convention and that it will provide Poland with a unique opportunity to fully participate in successfully delivered programmes of this organisation and in their associated satellite systems.

Looking forward to your positive reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'G' followed by a vertical line and a horizontal stroke at the bottom.

**SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MANDATORY
PROGRAMMES 2009-2011**

MEMBER STATE	CONTRIBUTION (%)
AUSTRIA (AT)	2.0859
BELGIUM (BE)	2.6135
SWITZERLAND (CH)	2.7902
GERMANY (DE)	19.4932
DENMARK (DK)	1.8042
SPAIN (ES)	7.6717
FINLAND (FI)	1.3699
FRANCE (FR)	14.9167
UNITED KINGDOM (GB)	15.8531
GREECE (GR)	1.6764
CROATIA (HR)	0.2509
HUNGARY (HU)	0.6987
IRELAND (IE)	1.1830
ITALY (IT)	12.2198
LUXEMBOURG (LU)	0.2183
NETHERLANDS (NL)	4.4478
NORWAY (NO)	2.0573
POLAND (PL)	1.9780
PORTUGAL (PT)	1.2478
SWEDEN (SE)	2.5655
SLOVENIA (SI)	0.2331
SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SK)	0.3244
TURKEY (TR)	2.3006
TOTAL	100.0000

COOPERATING STATE	CONTRIBUTION (%)
BULGARIA	0.1797
CZECH REPUBLIC	0.8013
ESTONIA	0.0859
ICELAND	0.0983
LITHUANIA	0.1563
LATVIA	0.1047
ROMANIA	0.5630

RESOLUTION ON
THE ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA TO
THE EUMETSAT CONVENTION

Adopted at the 66th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 9-10 December 2008

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 Republic of Latvia and EUMETSAT signed a Cooperating State Agreement on 21 July 2004, and that this Agreement entered into force on the same date,

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 third year following the entry into force of the Agreement, a formal review of the cooperation with a view to accession by Latvia to EUMETSAT as a full Member State,

WELCOMING the formal request by the Republic of Latvia to become a full member of EUMETSAT one year earlier than foreseen in the Cooperating State Agreement, expressed through letter from the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Latvia on 14 August 2008,

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,

AGREES:

- I** To the accession of the Republic of Latvia to the EUMETSAT Convention in accordance with Article 16.3 of the EUMETSAT Convention.
- II** To approve the accession agreement 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 Republic of Latvia with regard to the investments already made at EUR 123,377. This special payment comprises EUR 63,863 towards the investments made for the mandatory programmes and EUR 59,514 towards the investments made for the Optional Jason-2 Altimetry Programme.

- IV** To amend the scale of Member State contributions for mandatory programmes for the years 2009 to 2011 as attached to this Resolution in Annex II.
- V** That all legal and financial implications of the accession of the Republic of Latvia will formally enter into force at the date of deposit of the instrument of accession.

DRAFT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LATVIA
AND
THE EUROPEAN ORGANISATION
FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF
METEOROLOGICAL
SATELLITES (EUMETSAT)
CONCERNING
THE ACCESSION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LATVIA
TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT
OF A EUROPEAN ORGANISATION
FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF
METEOROLOGICAL
SATELLITES (EUMETSAT)
AND RELATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Preamble

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

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 15th 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) of the Convention,

CONSIDERING further that the EUMETSAT Council, at its 34th 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 Republic of Latvia and EUMETSAT signed a Cooperating State Agreement on 21 July 2004,

BEARING IN MIND that Article 7 of the above mentioned Agreement establishes that the Agreement shall remain in force until 31 December 2009, unless the Republic of Latvia becomes a full Member State of EUMETSAT earlier, and that, during the third year following the entry into force of this Agreement, the Parties shall proceed to a formal review of their cooperation with a view to accession by the Republic of Latvia to EUMETSAT as a full Member States,

FOLLOWING the wish expressed by the Republic of Latvia to become a EUMETSAT Member State within the framework conditions established by the EUMETSAT Convention, expressed through a letter from its Minister of Environment dated 14 August 2008,

RECALLING that the EUMETSAT Council at its 66th meeting on 9-10 December 2008 agreed to welcome the Republic of Latvia as a Member State through adoption of Council Resolution EUM/C/66/08/Res. VI,

CONVINCED that this accession will contribute to the achievement of the objectives set out in the EUMETSAT Convention, and that it will give the Republic of Latvia a unique opportunity to fully participate in the Meteosat Third Generation Programme from the outset,

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

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Republic of Latvia accedes to the EUMETSAT Convention in accordance with Article 16.3 of the EUMETSAT Convention.

Article 2

1. As from the date of accession, the provisions of the EUMETSAT Convention and all EUMETSAT rules, together with all decisions taken by the Council, including all EUMETSAT programmes (General Budget, Meteosat Transition Programme, Meteosat Second Generation Programme and its Extension, EUMETSAT Polar System Programme, Meteosat Third Generation Preparatory Programme, and the Optional EUMETSAT Jason-2 Altimetry Programme) shall be binding for the Republic of Latvia.
2. As from the date of accession, the Republic of Latvia 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 Republic of Latvia shall abide by the principles and policies stemming therefrom, and shall whenever necessary take appropriate measures to ensure their full implementation.
3. The Republic of Latvia shall at the same time as the accession to the EUMETSAT Convention also accede to the Amending Protocol to the EUMETSAT Convention attached to Resolution EUM/C/Res. XXXVI.
4. The Republic of Latvia shall accede to the EUMETSAT Protocol on Privileges and Immunities, which was opened for signature on 1 December 1986 and entered into force on 5 January 1989, at the same time as the accession to the EUMETSAT Convention. This accession to the EUMETSAT Protocol on Privileges and Immunities shall include the editorial amendments as notified to all Member States on 3 December 2002, and which entered into force on 1 January 2004.
5. The Republic of Latvia shall take all the appropriate measures to adapt its internal legislation and rules to the rights and obligations resulting from its accession to EUMETSAT.

Article 3

In accordance with Article 16.5 of the EUMETSAT Convention, the Republic of Latvia shall make a special payment to EUMETSAT of 123,377 EUR. This special payment comprises 63,863 EUR towards the investments already made for the mandatory programmes, and 59,514 EUR towards the investments made for the Optional Jason-2 Altimetry Programme. This payment shall be made no later than 30 days after the date of deposit of the instrument of accession, but not earlier than 31 January 2009.

Article 4

1. The Republic of Latvia shall with regard to the provision of Article 3 above start to contribute to the EUMETSAT annual budgets as from 1 January 2009. The rate of contribution by the Republic of Latvia to the mandatory programme budgets shall be calculated in accordance with Articles 10.2 and 16.5 of the EUMETSAT Convention. The rate of contribution to the Optional EUMETSAT Jason-2 Altimetry Programme Budgets shall be 0,0966%.
2. The Republic of Latvia shall acquire full voting rights at the EUMETSAT Council from the date of deposit of its instrument of accession.

Article 5

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of deposit of the Republic of Latvia's instrument of accession with the Depositary of the EUMETSAT Convention, the Government of the Swiss Confederation.
2. In accordance with its Article 17.4, the EUMETSAT Convention shall become effective for the Republic of Latvia on the date referred to in Article 5.1 above.
3. In accordance with its Article 24.4, the EUMETSAT Protocol on Privileges and Immunities shall become effective for the Republic of Latvia thirty days after the date referred to in Article 5.1 above.

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

Done in, on.....in two originals, in the English and Latvian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the Republic of Latvia

For the European Organisation for
the Exploitation of Meteorological
Satellites (EUMETSAT)

Dr. Lars Prahm
Director-General

**SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MANDATORY
PROGRAMMES 2009-2011**

MEMBER STATE	CONTRIBUTION (%)
AUSTRIA (AT)	2.1256
BELGIUM (BE)	2.6634
SWITZERLAND (CH)	2.8434
GERMANY (DE)	19.8648
DENMARK (DK)	1.8386
SPAIN (ES)	7.8180
FINLAND (FI)	1.3961
FRANCE (FR)	15.2011
UNITED KINGDOM (GB)	16.1554
GREECE (GR)	1.7084
CROATIA (HR)	0.2557
HUNGARY (HU)	0.7120
IRELAND (IE)	1.2056
ITALY (IT)	12.4528
LUXEMBOURG (LU)	0.2225
LATVIA (LV)	0.1089
NETHERLANDS (NL)	4.5326
NORWAY (NO)	2.0965
PORTUGAL (PT)	1.2716
SWEDEN (SE)	2.6144
SLOVENIA (SI)	0.2375
SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SK)	0.3306
TURKEY (TR)	2.3445
TOTAL	100.0000

COOPERATING STATE	CONTRIBUTION (%)
BULGARIA	0.1797
CZECH REPUBLIC	0.8013
ESTONIA	0.0859
ICELAND	0.0983
LITHUANIA	0.1563
POLAND	1.9386
ROMANIA	0.5630

RESOLUTION ON

**THE ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA TO
THE OPTIONAL EUMETSAT JASON-2 ALTIMETRY PROGRAMME**

**Adopted by the Participating States at the 66th Meeting of the EUMETSAT
Council on 9-10 December 2008**

The Participating States,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT Resolution EUM/C/66/08/Res. VI on the Accession of the Republic of Latvia to the EUMETSAT Convention, unanimously adopted at the 66th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that, in accordance with the above Resolution, Latvia will become a Member State of EUMETSAT, subject to ratification, with effect from 1 January 2009,

WELCOMING the wish expressed by Latvia to become a Participating State to the Optional EUMETSAT Jason-2 Altimetry Programme at the rate of 0.0966%,

CONVINCED that this accession will contribute to the successful completion of the EUMETSAT Optional Jason-2 Altimetry Programme,

HAVING REGARD to the Declaration EUM/C/01/Decl. I on the Optional EUMETSAT Jason-2 Altimetry Programme adopted by Potential Participating States on 4-5 December 2001, amended by Resolution EUM/C/02/Res. IV adopted on 26-27 November 2002, entered into force on 27 June 2003 and reflecting subsequent subscriptions,

HAVING REGARD to Articles 5.3 and 16 of the EUMETSAT Convention,

AGREE:

- I** To the accession of Latvia to the Optional EUMETSAT Jason-2 Altimetry Programme.
- II** To fix, in accordance with Article 16.5 of the EUMETSAT Convention, the payment to be made by Latvia with regard to the investments made for the Optional EUMETSAT Jason-2 Altimetry Programme until the end of 2008 at EUR 59,514.
- III** That in accordance with Article 16.6 of the EUMETSAT Convention, Latvia shall contribute with a rate of 0.0966% to the annual Jason-2 budgets with effect from 1 January 2009, and that the rates of contributions of the current Participating States shall be adjusted pro-rata accordingly.
- IV** To amend the Declaration EUM/C/01/Decl. I on the Optional EUMETSAT Jason-2 Altimetry Programme to reflect that Latvia will participate in the Programme with effect 1 January 2009.
- V** To amend Annexes II and III of the Declaration on the Optional EUMETSAT Jason-2 Altimetry Programme as attached to this Resolution in Annexes I and II.

**EUMETSAT JASON-2 ALTIMETRY PROGRAMME
FINANCIAL ENVELOPE AND SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

1 FINANCIAL ENVELOPE

The overall envelope for EUMETSAT's contribution to the Ocean Surface Topography Mission (OSTM) through the EUMETSAT Jason-2 Altimetry Programme shall be limited to a maximum of 30 MEUR at 2001 economic conditions.

The indicative EUMETSAT payment profile, based upon a 2004 December launch and five years of operations, is:

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
MEUR	3	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6

2 SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS ADJUSTED

The Participating States shall contribute to the EUMETSAT Jason-2 Altimetry Programme in accordance with the following scale of contributions:

PARTICIPATING STATE	ADJUSTED CONTRIBUTION %
BELGIUM (BE)	3.0729
SWITZERLAND (CH)	3.4706
GERMANY (DE)	26.6712
DENMARK (DK)	1.9691
SPAIN (ES)	6.7126
FINLAND (FI)	1.4619
FRANCE (FR)	17.3734
UNITED KINGDOM (GB)	10.5911
GREECE (GR)	0.7260
CROATIA (HR)	0.2226
IRELAND (IE)	0.9548
ITALY (IT)	13.4750
LUXEMBOURG (LU)	0.2188
LATVIA (LV)	0.0966
NETHERLANDS (NL)	4.5647
NORWAY (NO)	1.8001
PORTUGAL (PT)	1.2829
SWEDEN (SE)	2.7646
SLOVENIA (SI)	0.2341
TURKEY (TR)	2.3370
TOTAL	100.0000

EUMETSAT JASON-2 ALTIMETRY PROGRAMME VOTING COEFFICIENT

Pursuant to the scale of contributions contained in Annex II of the Declaration on the EUMETSAT Optional Jason-2 Altimetry Programme, and taking into account Article 5.3 b) of the EUMETSAT Convention, the voting coefficient of Participating States shall be as follows:

PARTICIPATING STATE	VOTING COEFFICIENT %
BELGIUM (BE)	3.0729
SWITZERLAND (CH)	3.4706
GERMANY (DE)	26.6712
DENMARK (DK)	1.9691
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