

No. 10-026

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and refers to the cooperative program facilitating space flight operations implemented in accordance with the *Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communications Facilities* ("the Agreement"), effected by exchange of notes at Canberra May 29, 1980, as amended.

In view of the mutual benefits to be derived from this cooperative program, the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. In paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Agreement, the list of facilities shall be replaced by the following:
 - a) Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex, Tidbinbilla, Australian Capital Territory;
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DIPLOMATIC NOTE

2. Paragraph 1 of Article 13 of the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

(1) This Agreement shall remain in force until February 26, 2012, or until a further agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning space vehicle tracking and communication facilities is concluded and enters into force, whichever occurs first. The present Agreement may be further extended by the agreement of the two Governments.

The Embassy further proposes that if the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Australia, then this note and the Government of Australia's affirmative note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia to amend the Agreement concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communications Facilities of 29 May 1980, as amended, which shall enter into force, with effect from February 26, 2010, on the date the Government of Australia notifies the Government of the United States of America by diplomatic note that it has completed the domestic processes necessary for this purpose.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America.

Canberra, February 25, 2010





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The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 10-026 of 25 February 2010, which reads as follows:

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The Department has the honour to confirm that the Embassy’s proposals are acceptable to the Australian Government. Accordingly the Embassy’s Note and this Note in reply shall together constitute an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia to amend the Agreement concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communications Facilities of 29 May 1980, as amended.

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25 February 2010