

MFA No. 153-07

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and refers to the Ministry's note No. 10278/dvbr. dated December 3, 2007, which proposes, on behalf of the Russian Federation, an extension for an additional five-year period, from June 17, 2007 through June 17, 2012, of the Agreement between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes, signed at Washington June 17, 1992, as extended (the "Agreement").

Reference is made also to the statement in the Ministry's note concerning the reorganization of the Russian Aerospace Agency into the Federal Space Agency (Roskosmos) and indicating that Roskosmos should be regarded as the main implementing organization for the Agreement on the Russian side, pursuant to Article II of the Agreement.

The Embassy, on behalf of the United States of America, is pleased to accept the Ministry's proposed extension of the Agreement and considers that the Ministry's note and this note in reply constitute an agreement on this subject which shall enter into force on the date the Ministry receives this note. The Embassy would appreciate receiving from the Ministry written confirmation of the date of its receipt of this note in order to establish the date of entry into force of this extension agreement.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to extend to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America  
Moscow, December 26, 2007.



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and, referring to the Embassy's note No. 153-07 of December 26, 2007, which states that the Embassy, on behalf of the United States of America, accepts the Ministry's proposal to extend the Agreement between the Russian Federation and the United States of America on Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes signed in Washington on June 17, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the 1992 Agreement) for an additional five-year period from June 17, 2007, through June 17, 2012, and to regard the Ministry's note No. 10278/dvbr of December 3, 2007, and the Embassy's aforesaid note in reply as an agreement on this matter, which will enter into force upon the date of the Ministry's receipt of this note, has the honor to report the following.

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The Ministry confirms receipt of the Embassy's aforesaid note in reply of December 27, 2007. Thus, under the agreement reached, that date shall be the date of the entry into force of the agreement to extend the 1992 Agreement.

The Ministry further notes that the Embassy has taken cognizance of the information contained in the Ministry's note that in connection with the conversion of the Russian Aerospace Agency into the Federal Space Agency (Roskosmos), the latter should be regarded as the main implementing organization for the Russian side, as stipulated in article II of the 1992 Agreement.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

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TRANSLATION

No. 10278 [?]/DVBR

Moscow  
December 3, 2007

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in the Russian Federation and, referring to the Agreement between the Russian Federation and the United States of America on Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes signed in Washington on June 17, 1992 (hereinafter the 1992 Agreement), has the honor to propose on behalf of the Russian Federation that the 1992 Agreement be extended pursuant to Article VII thereof for an additional five-year period, from June 17, 2007, through June 17, 2012. If this is acceptable to the U.S. side, the Russian side proposes that this note and the Embassy's note of reply thereto constitute an Agreement between the Russian Federation and the United States of America on an Extension of the Agreement between the Russian Federation and the United States of America on Cooperation in the Exploration and Peaceful use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes of June 17, 1992, which will enter into force on the date on which the Ministry receives the Embassy's note in reply.

At the same time, in view of the fact that the Russian Aerospace Agency has been reorganized into the Federal Space Agency, the Ministry would like to point out that the

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Federal Space Agency (Roskosmos) should be considered the main implementing organization for the Russian side, as provided for by Article II of the 1992 Agreement.

The Ministry avails itself of this occasion to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

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