

Date of most recent action: February 21, 2006

**Agreement among the Government of Canada, Governments
of Member States of the European Space Agency, the
Government of Japan, the Government of the Russian
Federation, and the Government of the United States of
America concerning cooperation on the Civil International
Space Station**

Done: Washington January 29, 1998

Opened For Signature:

Entry into Force: March 27, 2001

This Agreement entered into force on the date on which the last instrument of ratification, acceptance, or approval of Japan, Russia and the United States was deposited in accordance with Art. 25(3a) of the Agreement. The Agreement entered into force for the European Partner following receipt by the depositary of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession from at least four European signatory or acceding States, and, in addition, a formal notification by the Chairman of the ESA Council, in accordance with Art. 25(3b) of the Agreement.

Legend: (no mark) = ratification; **a**= accession; **d**= succession; **c** = acceptance; **p**= approval; **h**=adherence

Participant	Signature	Consent to be Bound		EIF date	Note
Belgium		February 21, 2006		February 21, 2006	
Canada		July 24, 2000		March 27, 2001	
Denmark		August 25, 2000		June 28, 2005	
France		November 30, 2004	p	June 28, 2005	1
Germany		January 19, 2000		June 28, 2005	
Italy		March 29, 2001		June 28, 2005	2
Japan		November 17, 1998	c	March 27, 2001	
Netherlands		February 11, 2000	c	June 28, 2005	3
Norway		May 13, 1999	c	June 28, 2005	
Russia		March 27, 2001		March 27, 2001	
Spain		October 1, 1999		June 28, 2005	
Sweden		June 28, 2005		January 30, 2002	
Switzerland		August 28, 2000		June 28, 2005	
United States		November 19, 1998	c	March 27, 2001	

¹ Signature by the French Republic was accompanied by the following Declaration:

“Le Gouvernement de la République Française interprète l’article 15 de l’accord intergouvernemental sur la coopération relative à la station spatiale internationale civile, notamment ses paragraphes 2 et 4, dans le sens que sa participation, en tant qu’Etat partenaire européen, aux activités et coûts communs d’exploitation des systèmes, ne pourra être supérieure au montant déterminé par ses procédures budgétaires nationales.”

Department of State translation:

The Government of the French Republic interprets Article 15 of the Intergovernmental Agreement concerning Cooperation on the Civil International Space Station, and in particular paragraphs 2 and 4 thereof, to mean that its participation, as a European Partner State, in common systems operations costs and activities may not exceed the amount determined by its national budgetary procedure.

² Ratification by Italy was accompanied by the following statement:

“For the purposes of intellectual property protection pursuant to paragraph 2 of article 21, any activity performed within or on a flight element of the space station that concern elements deposited by ESA are to be considered as having been performed on Italian Territory”.

[Unofficial translation provided by the Embassy of Italy.]

³ Acceptance by the Kingdom of the Netherlands is for the Kingdom in Europe.