

Plan for
European Cooperating State (PECS)
Charter

The European Space Agency (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") established by the Convention opened for signature in Paris on 30 May 1975 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"),

and

the Czech Republic,

(hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

HAVING REGARD to the European Cooperating State Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "ECS Agreement") between the Czech Republic and the European Space Agency signed in Prague on 24 November 2003, and in particular its Article 14.1 which states that: *"The present Agreement, after signature by the Parties and its approval in accordance with the legal order of the Czech Republic, shall enter into force on the date of the notification by the Czech Republic to the Agency of this approval. The Czech Republic shall enjoy the benefits of all the rights granted to it as an ECS in the present Agreement, on the date of its subscription of the PECS Charter referred to in Article 7. The subscription of this PECS Charter shall be made at the latest one year after the signature of the present Agreement unless the Parties have agreed another time limit. In the event the said subscription has not occurred within the above time limit, the present Agreement shall be automatically terminated"*,

HAVING REGARD to the notification sent to the Agency by the Czech Republic on 18 November 2004 by which the latter informs ESA that it has, by its Decree, approved the ECS Agreement between the Czech Republic and the Agency,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The purpose of the present PECS Charter is, within the frame and pursuant to the terms of the ECS Agreement, to define the terms and conditions of the financial contribution of the Czech Republic to the Plan for European Cooperating States (PECS) thus, subject to the fulfilment of the other conditions outlined in the above mentioned Article 14.1, allowing the Czech Republic to enjoy the benefits of all the rights granted to it as an ECS in the ECS Agreement.
2. The proposed terms and conditions of the financial contribution of the Czech Republic to the PECS are the following:
 - i) a financial envelope defined in Annex 2 shall be allocated to the PECS, whose content with regard to Czech activities is defined in Annex 1;
 - ii) a contribution shall be paid within this financial envelope and according to the funding mechanism set out in Annex 2, to cover the costs of executing the PECS.

3. The Annexes to this PECS Charter shall form an integral part of the present Charter.
4. The Czech Republic and the Agency may revise the provisions of this PECS Charter by mutual agreement. Pursuant the terms of the ECS Agreement, the present PECS Charter may be revised and updated once every year during the 5-year period of the ECS Agreement. Amendments, except for those made exclusively to the Annexes shall take effect on the date of their signature by the Parties. Amendments made exclusively to the Annexes shall be made in accordance with the terms of these Annexes.
5. The present PECS Charter shall remain in force as long as the ECS Agreement remains in force.
6. The present PECS Charter shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the Parties and thus, pursuant the terms of Article 14.1 of the ECS Agreement, shall allow the Czech Republic, subject to the fulfilment of the other conditions outlined in the above mentioned Article 14.1, to enjoy the benefits of all the rights granted to it as an ECS in the ECS Agreement.

Done at Prague on November 24, 2004

in two originals in the English language. The signatories may also establish translations hereof in the French and German languages, which shall not, however, be considered as authoritative for the purposes of interpretation.

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For the European Space Agency

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For the Czech Republic