

**TASHKENT AGREEMENT CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR
MAINTAINING AND USING SPACE INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES IN
PURSUANCE OF SPACE PROGRAMMES**

Signed and proclaimed at Tashkent
15 May 1992

The States Parties to this Agreement,

GUIDED by the provisions of the Agreement of 30 December 1991 concerning Joint Activity in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, the Agreement of 30 December 1991 concerning the Strategic Forces and the Agreement of 14 February 1992 concerning the status of the Strategic Forces,

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to preserve and develop a common space infrastructure for the effective exploration and use of outer space in the interests of the economy, science and international cooperation,

RECOGNISING that the space infrastructure was created by the combined efforts of the Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States (hereinafter called the CIS),

AND PROCEEDING FROM the legislative acts of the Member States of the CIS,

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Space infrastructure facilities (the Baikonur and Plesetsk space centres, technical, launch and landing complexes, launcher debris zones, spaceflight control centres, the cosmonaut training centre, telemetry stations, data reception and computing centres, arsenals and other facilities) located in the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ukraine, are the property of those States.

The right to use those facilities in the case of immovable property or to use and own them in the case of movable property shall be transferred by special agreements to the Strategic Forces (Directorate of Space Resources, hereinafter called the DSR) of the CIS or to other parties.

The Inter-State Space Council shall coordinate utilisation of the space infrastructure in pursuance of inter-State and independent programmes for the exploration and use of outer space.

ARTICLE 2

The cost of maintaining and operating space infrastructure facilities, including social costs relating to that infrastructure, shall be funded by means of proportionate contributions by the States Parties to this Agreement, from the resources of the Strategic Forces (DSR) of the CIS and also from non-budgetary sources.

Proposals concerning the levels and allocation of funding for the above purposes shall be drawn up by the Strategic Forces (DSR) of the CIS and, following approval of welfare aspects by the local authorities of the relevant States Parties to this Agreement, shall be submitted to the Inter-State Space Council.

The Inter-State Space Council shall examine these proposals, determine the levels of contribution taking into account rentals for land tenure on the basis of the laws of each individual State and shall submit to the Council of the Heads of Government of the CIS proposals for maintaining and using space infrastructure facilities.

ARTICLE 3

The Strategic Forces (DSR) of the CIS shall be responsible for maintaining and operating technical production facilities and also welfare facilities relating to the space infrastructure using the resources, and in accordance with the approved allocations of funding, provided for in Article 2 of this Agreement.

Changes in the funding levels for welfare facilities shall be agreed by the local authorities of the relevant States Parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4

Notifications of rocket launches for space purposes with the use of space infrastructure buildings and facilities shall be issued by the Strategic Forces (DSR) of the CIS on the basis agreed between the Strategic Forces (DSR) of the CIS and the Governments of the States Parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

Compensation for damage resulting from breaches of the normal operating procedures for space infrastructure facilities and buildings and relating to the implementation of space programmes shall be made by the responsible Party to the victim. The compensation amounts shall be determined by a special multilateral commission set up by the States Parties to this Agreement under the aegis of the Inter-State Space Council. The commission shall, with regard to space activity, be guided by the provisions of the Convention on International Liability for Damage caused by Space Objects.

ARTICLE 6

The States Parties to this Agreement undertake to communicate and exchange, to the extent agreed, necessary information of mutual interest relating to all types of space activity and not to otherwise release such information.

ARTICLE 7

This Agreement shall enter into force from the time of its signature.

DONE on 15 May 1992 in one original in the Russian language.

The original shall be kept in the archives of the Government of the Republic of Belarus, which shall send certified copies of it to the States signatory to this Agreement.