

**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**  
BETWEEN  
THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC  
ON  
COOPERATION IN SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
FOR THE PEACEFUL USE AND EXPLORATION OF OUTER SPACE

*WHEREAS* the United Nations, represented by the Office for Outer Space Affairs (hereinafter referred to as “United Nations”), is responsible for promoting international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space and is the Secretariat to the General Assembly’s only committee dealing exclusively with international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space – the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

*WHEREAS* the Government of the Italian Republic (hereinafter referred to as “the Government”) desires to contribute to the advancement of space-related research within the international community by this Framework Agreement with the United Nations;

*WHEREAS* space has become a dominant factor in technological, economic and cultural development, holding great potential to improve the lives of mankind globally, in such fields as medicine, disaster management, satellite technology, environment, geographical navigation and much more;

*WHEREAS* the United Nations and the Government (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”) intend to conclude this Framework Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) with the aim of further consolidating and developing their cooperation in order to effectively achieve, through the implementation of this Agreement, their common objectives, including for the purpose of establishing mechanisms to facilitate and increase mutual cooperation between them on mutually advantageous activities associated with the peaceful use and exploration of outer space;

*WHEREAS* the Agenzia Spaziale Italiana (“Italian Space Agency”, hereinafter referred to as “ASI”) is the Agency of the Government tasked to define, coordinate and manage national space programs and the Italian participation to the European and international space projects, as well as to promote, develop and spread scientific and technological research in the space and aerospace sector.

*NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO COOPERATE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS:*

**ARTICLE 1  
PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the framework for cooperation between the Parties, and to facilitate collaboration between the Parties for furthering their common goals and objectives regarding the peaceful use of exploration of outer space.

**ARTICLE 2  
IMPLEMENTATION**

1. In order to implement this Agreement, a separate Memorandum of Understanding will be concluded between the Office for Outer Space Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "OOSA") and ASI, detailing various aspects of their cooperation.

2. This Agreement does not of itself give rise to any implication of commitment of resources, financial or otherwise, on the part of the United Nations or the Government.

**ARTICLE 3  
LEGAL PROVISIONS**

1. This Agreement is implemented by the Parties in accordance with applicable international law and, as for the Government, with its national legislation and the obligations arising from the Italian Republic's membership in the European Union.

2. Each Party may terminate this Agreement by providing a written notification to the other Party through the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations (Vienna). In such a case, the Agreement shall cease to be in force six (6) months after the date of such notification.

3. This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties. Any such amendment shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure set forth in paragraph 4 of this Article.


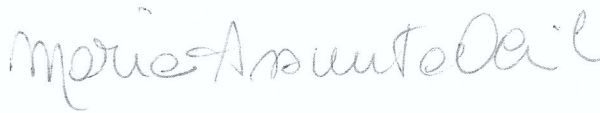
4. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature after the Government has notified the United Nations of completion of all its relevant internal procedures and will remain in force indefinitely, unless terminated by either Party in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article.

**ARTICLE 4  
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

1. Nothing in or relating to this Framework Agreement, including the separate Memorandum of Understanding to be implemented under Article 2 of this Agreement, will be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties affix their signatures below.

**DONE** at Vienna, on 20 November 2017, in two originals, both in English language.

<b>FOR THE UNITED NATIONS</b>	<b>FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC</b>
	
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