

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES,  
REPRESENTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN SPACE AGENCY**

**OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA**

**AND**

**KOREA AEROSPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

**ON SPACE COOPERATION**

**FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES**

The Government of Australia, as represented by the Australian Space Agency (hereinafter referred to as “ASA”) and the Republic of Korea, as represented by the Korea AeroSpace Administration (hereinafter referred to as “KASA”) (hereinafter referred to individually as a “Participant” and collectively as the “Participants”);

**EXPRESSING** their desire to establish and develop mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of space activities based on the principles of equality, partnership and mutual interest;

**REAFFIRMING** their commitment to the peaceful uses of outer space through international cooperation;

**RECOGNISING** the positive contribution that cooperation in space science, research, technology, services and applications will make to the development of relations and partnerships between the two countries, as well as their respective industries and academic and research institutions;

**WISHING** to further promote space cooperation for peaceful purposes; and

**HAVING REGARD TO** the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Korea on Scientific and Technological Co-operation*, signed in 1999.

**HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:**

## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) is to:

- a. define areas of potential cooperation;
- b. designate the Participants’ respective points of contact; and
- c. define the procedure for implementing cooperation between the Participants, as well as between other Australian and Korean third-party entities;

## 2. AREAS OF POTENTIAL COOPERATION

The Participants will discuss and identify potential collaborative opportunities, including in the following areas:

- a. space science and exploration;
- b. earth observation, including environmental monitoring;
- c. cooperation on commercial launch service and/or returns;
- d. development and operation of satellite navigation systems;
- e. space infrastructure including deep space ground stations;
- f. exchange of views on space policy, regulatory frameworks and governance;

- g. fostering cooperation between the space industries;
- h. capacity building, education, and professional development in space-related fields;
- i. space situational awareness.

Other areas of potential cooperation may be added by mutual determination of the Participants.

### 3. POINTS OF CONTACT

1. In order to facilitate communication and coordination efforts under this MoU, the Participants hereby designate the following representatives as points of contact:
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  - For ASA:**  
Luke Phillips, Director of International Partnerships, Space Capability  
E-mail: [Luke.Phillips@space.gov.au](mailto:Luke.Phillips@space.gov.au)
  - For KASA:**  
Jaewon Cho, Deputy Director of International Affairs Division,  
Email: [jaewoncho@korea.kr](mailto:jaewoncho@korea.kr)
3. The Participants will notify each other in writing of any change or update to their designated points of contact.
4. In order to monitor the effectiveness and applicability of this MoU and explore proposals for cooperation plans, the Participants will mutually arrange a joint meeting at the senior management level, as appropriate.

### 4. IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Participants may jointly establish technical working groups or project teams, as appropriate, to develop concrete collaboration proposals and monitor the progress of cooperative activities.
2. The Participants may formulate implementing arrangements under this MoU to implement activities in any of the areas of potential cooperation.
3. The Participants may jointly decide to involve third-party entities in the joint activities conducted through the implementing arrangements.
4. The Participants acknowledge that these third-party entities may also formulate separate implementing arrangements under this MoU. The third-party entities will be responsible for defining the provisions of each separate implementing arrangement, including any commitments such as financial arrangements and confidential information.
5. The bilateral cooperation may also be extended through the following means:
  - a. exchange of experts to participate in joint studies, research and activities for technical, operational and regulatory aspects related to the peaceful uses of

- outer space;
- b. promotion of educational activities in space science and technology; and
- c. promotion of collaboration between the two countries' institutes and industries acting in the space sector.

## **5. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

1. The Participants will bear the costs of their respective activities under this MoU, including travel and subsistence of their own personnel and transportation charges for their equipment, unless the Participants jointly decide otherwise in writing.
2. This MoU is subject to the Participants' respective funding procedures, the availability of appropriated funds and their respective national laws and regulations. Should either Participant encounter funding problems which may affect its ability to fulfil its roles and activities under this MoU, that Participant will notify and consult promptly in good faith with the other Participant.

## **6. CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. Except as provided below, all technical information obtained through the cooperative activities under this MoU will be available to both Participants.
2. In the event that either Participant deems information to be confidential under its laws and regulations, or identifies, in a timely manner, any information furnished or created under this MoU as "confidential", the other Participant will protect such information in accordance with its applicable laws and regulations. This restriction does not apply to:
  - a. any use or disclosure authorized by the providing Participant or required by law;
  - b. any information which is already in, or comes into, the public domain other than through the other Participant's unauthorized disclosure.

## **7. PUBLICATION**

1. Each Participant will coordinate with the other Participant, as appropriate and in advance, with respect to a release of general information to the public which relates to the activities under this MoU. Appropriate written acknowledgment will be made by both Participants of their respective roles in such activities.
2. The publication of information relating to separate implementing arrangements will be the responsibility of the third-party entities. The third-party entities will coordinate, as appropriate, with the Participants with respect to a release of general information to the public.

## **8. RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES**

1. Any differences between the Participants arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be resolved amicably through consultation or

negotiation between the Participants.

2. Any differences relating to separate implementing arrangements will be subject to the procedures determined between the relevant entities in the separate implementing arrangements. The relevant entities will consult, as appropriate, with the Participants to facilitate an amicable resolution.

## **9. STATUS OF MOU**

1. This MoU is a non-legally binding instrument that reflects the mutual intentions of the Participants to collaborate in good faith in the field of space cooperation.
2. Nothing in this MoU is intended to have any legal or binding effect on the Governments of Australia or the Republic of Korea.

## **10. COMMENCEMENT, DURATION, TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION**

1. This MoU will commence upon its signature by the Participants and will continue for a period of five (5) years. It will be automatically extended for successive five (5) year periods unless either Participant gives the other Participant six (6) months prior written notice of its intention not to extend it.
2. Notwithstanding the preceding subparagraph, the Participants may modify or terminate this MoU upon their mutual written consent.
3. Notwithstanding the termination of this MoU, Paragraph 6 (Confidentiality) and Paragraph 8 (Resolution of Differences) will remain in effect, unless otherwise jointly decided by the Participants.
4. Unless otherwise jointly decided by the Participants, the termination of this MoU will not affect the validity or duration of any ongoing activities not fully completed at the time of termination.

Signed in two copies in Sydney on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, in English

For  
the Australian Space Agency  
of the Government of Australia

For  
the Korea AeroSpace Administration  
of the Republic of Korea



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