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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND THE UNION OF THE SOVIET
SOCIALISTIC REPUBLIC ON THE EXECUTION OF AN COMMON
AUSTRIAN-SOVIET SPACE FLIGHT
StF: BGBl. Nr. 113/1989

Special text parts

Parliament has concluded:

The completion of the following treaty will be authorized.

Ratification text

The notices pursuant to Art. 10 Abs. 1 of the agreement were given on 20. and 22 February 1989; the agreement became hence effective pursuant Art. 10 Abs. 1 on 1. March 1989.

Preamble/Promulgation Clause

The Republic of Austria and the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics

IN THE ENDEAVOR to pursue and deepen the collaboration of both countries in the area of exploration and utilization of space for peaceful purposes,

CONSIDERING the contract from 27. January about the general principles that regulate the activities of states during the exploration and utilization of space, including the moon and other celestial bodies,*1)

IN THE CONSIDERATION that the Republic of Austria has accepted the invitation of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics to participate with a cosmonaut and scientific experiments in a flight on board the space station "MIR",

REFERRING to the agreement from 22 March 1968 *2) between the Republic of Austria and the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics about cultural and scientific collaboration, and the mutual consent between the Austrian Government and the Administration of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics about cultural and scientific collaboration for the years 1987 to 1990,*3)

are agreed as follows:

*1) Announced in BGBl. Nr. 103/1968.

*2) Announced in BGBl. Nr. 319/1969.

*3) Announced in BGBl. Nr. 429/1987.

Article 1

The Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics enables an Austrian cosmonaut, in proportion with the terms of this agreement, to participate in a space flight with a total duration of eight days and to conduct scientific experiments on board the space station "Mir". The experiments, as long as possible, will be conducted together.

Article 2

For the implementation of the targets in Article 1, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will supply the following services:

- a) Assistance during the selection of cosmonaut candidates,
- b) Preparation and training of the cosmonaut candidates chosen by the parties,
- c) Launch, flight and recovery of the cosmonaut and therewith, all intended accompanying measures, pursuant to the Article 5 finalizing,
- d) Enabling of the execution of scientific experiments with the assistance of the soviet cosmonauts on the space station,
- e) Transmission of the results of the experiments.

Article 3

The Republic of Austria will pay an amount of ATS 85 Million for the provision of cited services in Article 2.

Article 4

The Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, in the framework of its procurement plan, will make every possible effort, Austrian high-technology, including space technology, for the compensation of the intended commitments of the Republic of Austria in Article 4, in a timely manner with the conformance of these commitments, to acquire, and will be the definition of the Austrian supply possibilities, to transmit a requirements list regarding this matter to the Republic of Austria. The execution of the commitments in this article will be regulated in separate contracts.

Article 5

(1) The execution of the intended commitments in Articles 1 to 3 by the contract parties will be regulated in a separate contract.

(2) For this reason the contract parties who will authorize the following positions are:

- a) From the Republic of Austria: The Minister for Science and Research of the Republic of Austria;
- b) From the Union of the Soviet Socialist republics: Glavkosmos of the USSR, Moscow.

Article 6

Each contract party will grant the greatest possible support

to the commissioned positions and the now known persons, acting on assignment in the area of the other contract party. Especially, to grant these persons, by the requirements of domestic provisions, the entry and the required sojourn for the accomplishment of their tasks.

Article 7

Scientific knowledge and information, won through the execution of the experiments, will be made available to both contract parties and will be transmitted as soon as possible.

Article 8

The legal relationship between the authorized positions is exclusively designated by the finalized agreements between them.

Article 9

Differences in opinion about the application or the interpretation of this agreement will be reconciled during negotiations between the contract parties or through other methods of peaceful settlement of disputes agreed between them.

Article 10

(1) This agreement will be valid on the first day of the month, following the month in which the contract parties notice each other that the domestic requirements for its coming into effect have been achieved.

(2) This agreement will remain valid till the full accomplishment of all commitments mentioned within it.

In witness thereof, the plenipotentiary signatories have signed this agreement.

Took place in Moscow, on 11 October 1988, in two original documents in the German and Russian languages, whereby each wording is likewise binding.

For the Republic of Austria:

Vranitzky

For the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics:

Ryschkow