

**Founding Act of the European Space
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EUROPEAN SPACE COMPONENTS COORDINATION**

The signatory organisations of this Founding Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Signatories"), meeting in Paris, on 8 October, 2002,

RECALLING the activities performed on an interim basis since 1971 by the Space Components Coordination Group (SCCG) as an advisory group to the Joint Programme and Policy Committee (JPPC), composed of experts from the European Space Research Organisation and national space agencies,

RECALLING the decision taken in October 1975 by the Council of the European Space Agency to place the SCCG under the authority of the ESA Director General as an advisory group (ref. ESA/C(75)20),

RECALLING that the Industrial Policy Committee of the European Space Agency endorsed in June 1996 the report (ref. ESA/IPC(96)38) of the Space Components Ad Hoc Committee (SCAHC), including the recommendation to establish a Space Components Steering Board (SCSB), with the participation of experts from component manufacturers, user industries, national space agencies and ESA, as a permanent body to determine and oversee the policies in the space components area and the implementation of SCAHC recommendations,

RECALLING that the Industrial Policy Committee of the European Space Agency approved in March 1998 the first slice of the initiative for a harmonised technology R&D programme for space components (ref. ESA/IPC(98)49), as proposed by the SCSB,

CONSIDERING that the implementation of the recommendations made by the SCAHC is near to completion,

SATISFIED with the effective operations of the SCSB with its Components Technology Board (CTB) and Implementation Team (IT) with participation by component manufacturers, Eurospace (representing the user industries), European national space agencies and the European Space Agency,

DESIROUS to merge the operations of the Space Components Coordination Group with those of the SCSB, in order to achieve a single and efficient European organisation for the provision of advanced high-reliability components for future institutional and commercial space programmes,

DESIROUS to implement a new scheme for this activity in the form of a "European Space Components Coordination" (ESCC) with a view to achieving, on the one hand, harmonisation of proposals for component policies, standards, specifications and component technology research and development programmes among the Signatories and to executing, on the other hand, evaluation, qualification, and certification programmes for components and component manufacturers on the basis of common European component specifications,

WELCOMING the initiative of the European Space Agency to merge its ESA/SCC Specification System for the evaluation, qualification and certification of components and component manufacturers with the operations of the SCSB and to act as the legal authority in charge of the ESCC,

HAVING REGARD to Resolution ESA/C/CXLVI/Res.4 adopted by the Council of the European Space Agency on 21 June 2000,

AGREE on the following mechanism for the establishment of the European Space Components Coordination (ESCC):

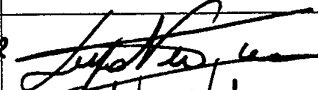
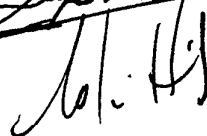

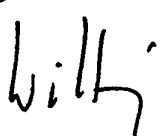

- 1) the operations of the former SCSB and ESA/SCC Specification System shall be integrated into one common European Space Components Coordination (ESCC) scheme with the objective to establish a

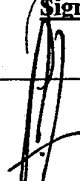
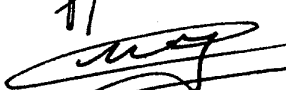

world class electrical, electronic and electro-mechanical (EEE) component system, able to provide components conforming to internationally recognised standards for increasingly demanding space applications. The ESCC shall enable effective and common European policy developments, with rapid decision-making regarding EEE component research and development, evaluations, qualifications and certifications, including the allocation of the associated funding and resources;

- 2) the operations of the Space Components Coordination Group (SCCG) shall be terminated on the date of entry into force of the attached Charter;
- 3) the ESCC shall be governed by the terms of the attached Charter. The Signatories undertake to support the ESCC on a long-term basis, in their respective fields of competence and in accordance with their respective role under the Charter.

Done in Paris, on 8 October 2002, in one authentic original copy in the English language, the European Space Agency acting as the depository of this Founding Act and of the attached Charter. The European Space Agency shall deliver certified copies of this Charter to all Signatories and shall have the right to establish and deliver versions of this Charter in the French and German languages.

Signatures of the founding organisations:

<u>Space Agencies</u>	<u>Represented by</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Agenzia Spaziale Italiana	Mr. S. Vetralla	8 October 2002	
British National Space Centre	Mr. C. Hicks	8 October 2002	
Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales	Mr. A. Bensoussan	8 October 2002	
Deutsches Zentrum für Luft und Raumfahrt	Mr. S. Wittig	8 October 2002	
European Space Agency	Mr. A. Rodota	8 October 2002	

<u>Component Manufacturers</u>	<u>Represented by</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature</u>
For the Gallium Arsenide Manufacturers	Mr. J. Huguet	8 October 2002	
For the Silicon Manufacturers	Mr. H. Guennoun	8 October 2002	
For the Passive Component manufacturers			
For the Hybrid Manufacturers	Mr. O. Remondino	8 October 2002	

<u>Component User Industries</u>	<u>Represented by</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature</u>
EUROSPACE	Mrs. T. Sourisse	8 October 2002	