
**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE
COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY ORGANIZATION
AND THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MEDIUM-RANGE
WEATHER FORECASTS**

1. The text of the Agreement between the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts is reproduced in this document for the information of all States Signatories.

2. This Agreement was approved by the 56th Session of the Council of the Centre on 27-28 June 2002 and by the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization on 24 June 2003, and thus, in accordance with the terms of Article XI of the Agreement, it entered into force on the latter date.

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WHEREAS the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (hereinafter the 'Commission') was established for the purpose of carrying out the necessary preparations for the effective implementation of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty;

WHEREAS the Commission has concluded an agreement with the World Meteorological Organization, of which the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (hereinafter the 'Centre') is a regional/specialized meteorological centre;

WHEREAS the Centre has the objective to assist in implementing programmes of the World Meteorological Organization;

WHEREAS the Centre cooperates to the largest extent possible, in accordance with international meteorological traditions, with international scientific and technical organizations whose activities are related to its objectives, which include the development of dynamic models of the atmosphere, and the preparation of the data necessary for medium-range weather forecasts;

WHEREAS the Commission requires access to archived meteorological data and near real time high quality meteorological data from a numerical weather forecasting system for its own atmospheric transport modelling system;

WHEREAS the Commission requires scientific cooperation in the development of this system;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Centre have decided to conclude an agreement for cooperation and have agreed as follows:

Article I

Cooperation and consultation

1. The Commission and the Centre agree that with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective constitutional instruments, they will act in close cooperation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest.
2. The Commission and the Centre agree to cooperate closely with regard to meteorological requirements for supporting the Commission's activities and with regard to the exchange of meteorological observations and transport modelling, and to establish specific procedures to that end in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Article II

Reciprocal representation

1. Representatives of the Centre shall be invited to attend the sessions of the Commission and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body and, where appropriate, of its working groups, with respect to items on their agenda in which the Centre has an interest.
2. Representatives of the Commission shall be invited to attend sessions of the Council of the Centre and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body, and where appropriate, of its committees, with respect to items on their agenda in which the Commission has an interest.
3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement from time to time for the reciprocal representation of the Commission and the Centre at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other organization has an interest.

Article III

Exchange of information and documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Commission and the Secretariat of the Centre shall keep each other fully informed concerning all projected activities and all programmes of work which may be of interest to the other party.
2. The Commission and the Centre recognize that they may find it necessary to apply certain limitations for the safeguarding of confidential information furnished to them. They therefore agree that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring either of them to furnish such information as would, in the judgment of the party possessing the information, constitute a violation of the confidence of any of its Members or anyone from whom it has received such information or otherwise interfere with the orderly conduct of its operations.

Article IV

Scientific cooperation and exchange of data

1. The Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Director of the Centre or their representatives shall arrange for the provision of appropriate scientific cooperation to assist in the development of the atmospheric transport modelling system of the Commission.
2. The Centre shall grant access to archived meteorological data and near real time meteorological data from its numerical weather forecasting system for the Commission's atmospheric transport modelling system.
3. For the purposes of its research and operations, the Commission shall be given access to the Centre's meteorological archival and retrieval system.

4. The Commission shall provide information regularly to the Centre on its use and application of the Centre's products.

5. The costs of transmitting meteorological data pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be borne by the requesting party.

6. The parties agree that meteorological data which are exchanged in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall, subject to the need to protect those data from commercial use, not be subject to any other restrictions, except that the Commission shall not make available data transmitted to the Commission by the Centre to any third party without the prior agreement of the Centre.

7. The provision of any data or information collected by any monitoring facility or through other verification activities, except for meteorological data, shall require a decision by the Commission.

Article V

Training

Staff of the Commission may participate in training courses of the Centre under the same conditions as apply to participants from other international organizations.

Article VI

Proposal of agenda items

After such preliminary consultations as may be necessary, the Centre shall consider for inclusion on the provisional agenda of sessions of its Council or its committees items proposed to it by the Commission. Similarly, the Commission shall consider for inclusion on its provisional agenda items proposed by the Centre. An explanatory memorandum shall accompany items submitted by either party for consideration by the other.

Article VII

Cooperation between secretariats

The Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Commission and the Secretariat of the Centre shall maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements as may have been agreed upon from time to time by the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Director of the Centre.

Article VIII

Financing of special services

If compliance with a request for assistance made by either organization to the other would involve substantial expenditure for the organization complying with the request, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

Article IX

Implementation of the Agreement

The Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Director of the Centre may enter into such arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organizations.

Article X

Revision, termination and succession

1. On six months' notice given by either party, this Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Commission and the Centre.
2. Either party may terminate this Agreement on 31 December of any year by notice given not later than 30 June of that year.
3. Upon the succession of either party, the successor organization shall notify the other party of its succession in respect of this Agreement.

Article XI

Entry into force

This Agreement shall come into force on its approval by the Commission and by the Council of the Centre.

PROTOCOL

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization and the Director of the Centre have affixed their signatures to two original copies of the Agreement in the English language.

For the Preparatory Commission
for the Comprehensive
Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization:

For the European Centre for
Medium-Range Weather
Forecasts:

Signed

Signed

Wolfgang Hoffmann
Executive Secretary

David Burridge
Director

(Name and Title)

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Vienna, Austria 2 October 2003

Reading, UK 9 October 2003

(Place and Date)

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