

**AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON TECHNOLOGY SAFEGUARDS
ASSOCIATED WITH UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN SPACE
LAUNCHES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM**

No.1

Dr. Christopher A Ford, Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation Affairs, United States of America, to Her Excellency, Karen Pierce, DCMG, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the United States of America, Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

*Washington
16 June 2020*

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the recent successful conclusion of negotiations between our two governments regarding an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Technology Safeguards Associated with United States Participation in Space Launches from the United Kingdom. Although the present global health emergency regrettably prevents us from meeting in person to jointly sign the agreement as originally planned, I am pleased that our two governments have decided alternatively to conclude the agreement in the form of an exchange of diplomatic notes, and in the terms set out in the enclosure to this note.

Accordingly, I have the further honor to propose that this note with its enclosure and your Excellency's affirmative note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that shall, in accordance with Article X of the enclosure, enter into force on the date of the last notification in an exchange of notifications between our two governments confirming that all domestic procedures and requirements necessary for entry into force of the agreement have been fulfilled.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

CHRISTOPHER FORD

Enclosure:

As stated.

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PARTICIPATION IN SPACE LAUNCHES FROM THE UNITED
KINGDOM**

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as “Her Majesty’s Government”) (collectively hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”),

Reaffirming their commitment to the objectives of non-proliferation and export control of launch enabling technologies, as embodied in the Missile Technology Control Regime Guidelines and the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation,

Desiring to expand the successful cooperation between the Parties in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and noting the intention of Her Majesty’s Government to promote the peaceful commercial uses of outer space through the development of U.K. Spaceports,

Recognizing the intention of Her Majesty’s Government to enable successful related private sector enterprises in the United Kingdom and a role for the U.K. private sector in space launch activities,

Welcoming the opportunities this presents for enhanced cooperation on space science, technology and industry, as well as other related opportunities under other frameworks, including the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation signed by the Parties on 20 September 2017,

Seeking to protect advanced technologies in the context of this Agreement and strengthen collaboration in relation to space launch activity in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and

Acknowledging the duty of U.K. authorities to exercise their functions to ensure spaceflight activities are carried out in a safe, secure and sustainable manner,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to preclude unauthorized access to or transfer of U.S.-origin technologies associated with the launching from U.K. Spaceports of:
 - a. U.S. Launch Vehicles,
 - b. U.S. Spacecraft by means of U.S. Launch Vehicles or Foreign Launch Vehicles, and

c. U.K. Spacecraft or Foreign Spacecraft by means of U.S. Launch Vehicles.

2. Activities relating to development and production in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of U.S. Launch Vehicles, U.S. Spacecraft, and U.S.-Related Equipment are not within the scope of this Agreement.

No.2

Her Excellency, Karen Pierce, DCMG, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the United States of America, Foreign and Commonwealth Office to Dr. Christopher Ford, Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation Affairs, United States of America.

*Washington
16 June 2020*

Your Excellency

I have the honour to refer to your note with its enclosure dated today that proposes an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America on Technology Safeguards Associated with United States Participation in Space Launches from the United Kingdom, and which reads as follows:

As in 'No 1'

I have the further honour on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to confirm that the proposal contained in your note, with its enclosure, is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to confirm that your note, with its enclosure, and this note in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two governments that shall, in accordance with Article X of the enclosure to your note, enter into force on the date of the last notification in an exchange of notifications between our two governments confirming that all domestic procedures and requirements necessary for entry into force of the agreement have been fulfilled.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

KAREN PIERCE