

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION**

AMONG

**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

THE

ENTE NAZIONALE PER L'AVIAZIONE CIVILE, ITALIAN REPUBLIC

AND THE

AGENZIA SPAZIALE ITALIANA, ITALIAN REPUBLIC

WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of the Department of Transportation of the United States of America, the Italian *Ente Nazionale per l'Aviazione Civile* (ENAC) and the *Agenzia Spaziale Italiana* (ASI), hereinafter also referred to a "Participant" or collectively as "Participants", have a common interest in promoting mutual cooperation in the area of commercial space transportation;

WHEREAS the FAA, ENAC and ASI desire to promote and maintain dynamic, safe and efficient domestic commercial space transportation operations.

WHEREAS the FAA, ENAC and ASI understand the U.S. National Space Transportation Policy of 2013 and the U.S. National Space Policy of 2010 (Space Policies) and emphasize the importance of U.S. and international collaboration in mutually beneficial space transportation-related activities that may include, but are not limited to, space science, space exploration, including human space flight activities, and space transportation;

WHEREAS the Italian and U.S. Governments signed the March 19, 2013, Framework Agreement for Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes, which entered into force on February 11, 2016;

NOW THEREFORE, FAA, ENAC and ASI (collectively, the "Participants," and individually, a "Participant") declare as follows:

I. OBJECTIVES

- A. Pursuant to this Memorandum of Cooperation (the "MOC"), the Participants intend to cooperate in the development of safety regulations applied to commercial and experimental space transportation and promotion of industry standards. The principal objectives of this cooperation are to exchange ideas and information, and to collaborate on problems and projects of mutual interest.
- B. Topics about which information may be shared should include public safety, policy, experimental and commercial space transportation activities.
- C. The objectives of this MOC may be achieved by cooperation in the following areas including, but not limited to:
 - 1. The exchange of information regarding law, regulations, policies, programs and projects, research results, and publications;
 - 2. The sharing of established practices;
 - 3. The joint organization of symposia, workshops, conferences or working groups; and
 - 4. Any other cooperative activities mutually determined by all the Participants to be beneficial. Such other cooperative activities shall be agreed and delineated in annexes to this MOC. When signed by the duly authorized representatives of the Participants, the annexes shall become an integral part of this MOC.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

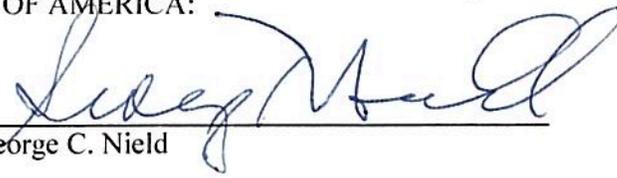
- A. Cooperation among the Participants under this MOC is subject to the availability of funds and other necessary resources, and to the applicable domestic laws and regulations of the United States and Italy.
- B. Representatives from the FAA, ENAC and ASI intend to meet periodically.
- C. The Participants intend to notify each other within 30 days to establish a working agenda and contacts to be responsible for the coordination and management of any cooperative activities under this MOC. Each Participant intends to appoint two individuals to work towards implementing the desired cooperation.

III. EFFECTIVENESS AND DURATION

- A. Cooperation under this MOC is intended to continue until terminated pursuant to paragraph B.
- B. Either Participant may withdraw from this MOC at any time by providing at least prior sixty (60) days written notice to the other Participants.

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