

LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SPACE RESEARCH (INPE) AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR GEOGRAPHIC AND FORESTRY INFORMATION (IGN)

THE INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE PESQUISAS ESPACIAIS (hereinafter referred to as “**INPE**”), an agency of the Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (hereinafter referred to as “**MCTI**”), registered with the CNPJ/MF under No. 01.263.896/0005-98, established at Av. dos Astronautas nº 1758, Jardim da Granja, in the city of São José dos Campos - SP, CEP 12227-010 - BRAZIL, qualified as a Scientific, Technological and Innovation Institution (hereinafter referred to as “**ICT**”), under the terms of Brazilian Law nº 10. 973/04, hereinafter referred to as INPE, herein represented by its Director Dr. Antonio Miguel Vieira Monteiro, appointed by Brazilian Ordinance No. 216, of February 20, 2025, published in the Official Gazette of February 21, 2025, holder of Identity Card No. ***4.6** - SSP/ES and CPF No. ***.716.537-**.

AND

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHICAL AND FORESTRY INFORMATION (hereinafter referred to as “**IGN**”), a French public administrative establishment, hereinafter IGN, with registered office at 73 avenue de Paris 94160 Saint-Mandé, France, represented by its Secretary General, Philippe Gerbe.

WHEREAS:

INPE (National Institute for Space Research) INPE carries out scientific research, technological development, operational activities and training of human resources in the fields of Space and Atmospheric Science, Earth Observation, Weather Forecasting and Climate Studies, Space Engineering and Technology and related areas of knowledge, in accordance with the policy defined by the MCTI;

IGN (National Institute of Geographical and Forestal Information) is a public administrative establishment of the French state founded in 1940 to produce and maintain geographic information for France and its departments and overseas territories. IGN contributes in particular to regional planning, sustainable development and environmental protection, civil and military defense of the country, public safety, civil security and risk prevention, as well as the development of geographic information in France and internationally.

INPE and IGN, hereinafter referred to as **PARTIES**, share certain common interests and priorities and therefore, in a coordinated manner and by mutual agreement, express their intention to discuss the terms and conditions of:

- the collaboration framework, mutual responsibilities and operational procedures for the operation and maintenance of the DORIS Station (Doppler Orbitography and Radiopositioning Integrated by Satellite), at INPE's Cachoeira Paulista campus, which is an uplink radio system whose main objectives are the precise orbit determination of low-altitude satellites and the precise positioning of terrestrial beacons,
- well as the financial conditions relating to the services provided by INPE.

In this context, **THEY RESOLVE** to enter into this Letter of intent, subject to the following conditions:

- a)** Both **PARTIES** undertake to join forces to complement their experience in areas of common interest, without prejudice to their individual and independent action. Therefore, the provisions described in this Letter of intent shall not create any legally binding obligations between the **PARTIES**;
- b)** For the future execution of projects and activities related to this Letter of intent, the **PARTIES** shall draw up work plans defining clearly the objectives and the services to be performed by each party, which shall be implemented by means of Agreements or other similar instruments for each project;
- c)** The execution of this Letter of intent will not entail any costs for either **PARTY** and, should there be a need to transfer financial resources, the **PARTIES** may sign a specific instrument for this purpose;
- d)** This Letter of intent will come into force on the date of its last signature and will remain in force for 24 (twenty-four) months.

It may be:

- modified, by means of an Amendment signed by both PARTIES;
- terminated early and/or extended for a further 12 (twelve) months, by means of written notice, 30 (thirty) days in advance, from one PARTY to the other or by mutual agreement. The early termination of this Letter of intent does not affect the fulfillment of any specific commitments and actions concluded during its term, which will remain into force.

Signed in English and translated into Portuguese and French. In case of disagreement or for dispute resolution purposes, the English version will be used, and in witness whereof:

Date: 02-10-2025

Date: 29-09-2025

Antonio Miguel Vieira Monteiro
Director

Philippe Gerbe
Secretary General

Assinado por:

Antonio Miguel Vieira Monteiro

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Philippe GERBE

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Secrétaire général

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